



A Message from Superintendent Jeff Wallace:

Board of Education Votes Unanimously to Make Masks Optional for the Start of the 2021-22 School Year

Thank you to our Board of Education for the time, effort and dedication they have shown in making a unanimous decision this evening. As a result, our board feels it is important to let families decide if masking is right for their child. The Board of Education voted 7-0 to make masks optional for grades K-12, staff and students, for the beginning of the 2021-22 school year. As the superintendent, I will monitor and assess conditions to consider any changes as necessary.

Our number one goal as leaders for our school district is to keep children safely in school for as many instructional days as possible this year. We will continue to work with our Davie County Department of Health and Human Services and community leaders, as well as state officials, to ensure a safe learning environment for all students in our school buildings. We encourage families to continue to be responsible and take the proper precautions to protect your family. There are many resources on hygiene, social distancing, vaccinations, and more on the [Safe & Secure page of GoDavie.org](http://godavie.org). Given the continued increase in Delta variant cases, we urge families to remain vigilant in order to maintain an optional mask protocol.

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