



**MASHPEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**School Committee Business Meeting and Executive Session**  
**Quashnet School Library**  
**150 Old Barnstable Rd., Mashpee MA 02649**  
**August 25, 2021 at 5:30 PM (IN-PERSON)**  
**Option for Remote (Public Session)--Zoom**

<https://mpspk12-org.zoom.us/j/88369606260#success>  
Meeting ID: ID: 88369606260 Phone: (US) +1 253-215-8782  
**Agenda\*\***



**Mission and Vision for the Mashpee Public Schools**

The mission of the Mashpee Public Schools is to ensure a student-centered, comprehensive program of rigor, scope, and depth that prepares all students to be college, career, service, and civic ready and teaches respect and acceptance of others. The vision of the Mashpee Public Schools is that every student, every day, is safe, respected, and engaged to achieve academic and social growth in a personalized learning environment.

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	Call Regular Meeting to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
<b>2</b>	<b>5:31 PM</b>	*Ratify agenda of August 25, 2021 Note: Any questions posed by individual School Committee members in advance of this meeting and responses thereto are posted on the District's website (" <a href="#">School Committee Packets</a> ")
<b>3</b>	<b>5:32 PM</b>	Public Comment
<b>4</b>	<b>6:02 PM</b>	*Mashpee Face Coverings Policy (EBCFA)
<b>5</b>	<b>6:20 PM</b>	SY 21-22 Planning (as of 8/25/21)
<b>6</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Public Comment
<b>7</b>	<b>7:10 PM</b>	Items the Chair did not reasonably know in advance (Other)
<b>8</b>	<b>7:15 PM</b>	*Adjournment of public meeting
<b>9</b>	<b>7:15 PM</b>	*Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, s 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining--Mashpee Teachers' Association <i>Motion: Move to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, and not to reconvene in Open Session</i>
<b>10</b>	<b>7:30PM</b>	*Adjournment of executive session

***\*Vote Required \*\*The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion.***

# CURRENT MASHPEE POLICY

CURRENT LANGUAGE TO BE REMOVED    NEW LANGUAGE TO BE ADDED BASED ON MASC 8/10/21

File: EBCFA--Supplemental

## FACE COVERINGS

The Mashpee Public Schools District is committed to providing a safe environment ~~in schools as schools reopen~~ during the ~~ongoing~~ COVID-19 pandemic. ~~Maintaining a safe environment is critical to the District's ability to have students experience full-time, in-person learning.~~

According to public health experts, one of the best ways to stop the spread of coronavirus and to keep members of our school community safe is the use of face masks or face coverings. Therefore, in accordance with guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), ~~the following requirements are in place until further notice~~ the District has established the following requirements which will remain in place until ~~further notice.~~

A face covering that covers the nose and mouth must be worn by all individuals in school buildings, ~~on school grounds~~ and on school transportation, ~~even when social distancing is observed.~~ ~~Face coverings must also be worn outside when social distancing cannot be observed.~~ Face coverings can be disposable or reusable and will need to: fully cover the nose and mouth and secure under the chin, be made with at least 2 layers of breathable material, fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face, and be secured with ties or ear loops. Based on guidance from health authorities neck gaiters, open-chin triangle bandanas, and face coverings containing valves, mesh material or holes of any kind will not be considered appropriate face coverings.

Individuals may be excused from the requirement for the following list of reasons, per CDC guidance:

The individual:

- has trouble breathing;
- is unconscious;
- is incapacitated;
- cannot remove the mask or face covering without assistance.

In addition, masks or face coverings will not be required for anyone who has a medical, behavioral or other challenge making it unsafe to wear a face mask or face covering. A written note from a physician is required for a requested exemption. Parents may not excuse their child from the face mask requirement by signing a waiver.

Additionally, face masks or face coverings will not be required when appropriate social distancing is enforced:

- during mask breaks;
- while eating or drinking;
- during physical education classes;
- while outside.

Exceptions to this policy under certain circumstances, such as for students with medical, behavioral or other challenges who are unable to wear masks, must be approved by the building principal in consultation with the

school nurse or local Board of Health. Face shields or physical barriers may provide an alternative in some instances.

2.

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If a student is in violation of this policy, the building principal will consult with the parent/guardian to determine whether an exception is appropriate, or the student may be removed from the school building for in-person learning until such time as he/she can comply with the requirement or the requirement is lifted.

Violations of this policy by staff will be handled in the same manner as other violations of School Committee policy.

Visitors in violation of this policy will be denied entry to the school/district facility.

This policy will remain in place until rescinded by the School Committee.

**LEGAL REF.:** Commonwealth of Massachusetts, COVID-19 Order No. 31 -  
<https://www.mass.gov/doc/may-1-2020-masks-and-face-coverings/download>

**REFS.:** Center for Disease Control and Prevention – Considerations for Wearing Masks -  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html>  
Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education – Reopening Guidelines – <http://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/>  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts – Mask Up MA! –  
<https://www.mass.gov/news/mask-up-ma>

#### **Guidance Statements:**

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##### **Center for Disease Control and Prevention – Guidance for Covid-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools Updated August 5, 2021 -**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>

##### **Center for Disease Controls – Guidance for Covid-19 Prevention on Public Transportation**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/face-masks-public-transportation.html>

##### **Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education – Fall 2021 Covid-19 Guidance**

<https://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/on-desktop/2021-0730fall-2021-covid19-guidance.pdf>

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