



EASTERN LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

EMPOWERING LEARNERS AS GLOBAL THINKERS AND PRODUCERS

September 2, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community-at-large,

As you are likely aware by now, Governor Wolf exercised his authority through the Department of Health under the Disease Prevention and Control Law ordering all school districts to require masks or face coverings in all schools. For some, this is a devastating blow, for others it is welcome news. The School District will comply with the Order and we are therefore requiring all learners to have masks/face coverings on school bus transportation and during the school day beginning Tuesday, September 7, 2021. We humbly seek your support for this action, regardless of your personal position, so that the disruption to the school day is minimal and we can focus on all the positive things that our School District has to offer our learners and this Community. Public school districts are obligated to follow the Order of the Governor and we will do so recognizing the necessity of Law and Order in our Commonwealth. We are all weary from COVID-19 and the anxiety that COVID-19 brings to our individual families and communities, but we are clearly not out of the woods yet and must do what we can to support one another. Our goal is to keep our doors open, keep our learners and employees as safe as possible, and continue providing the activities and great achievement that you have come to appreciate and expect from this school district.

Please Note: The School Board of Directors is planning an Executive Session for legal purposes with Counsel over the holiday weekend to specifically address the Governor's Order and to discuss open ended portions of the Order such as the exemptions option. Community members are continued to be encouraged to submit their comments to the Board by email. Board member emails can be found on the District website: www.elanco.org The next public School Board meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in Community Hall.

I offer my sincerest thanks for your support in our efforts to comply with the law and to keep everyone safe.

Most Respectfully,

Robert M. Hollister, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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