I. PURPOSE

The COVID 19 Pandemic may require extraordinary action or protocols to keep the school community safe and facilitate orderly education of our students.

The Lincoln School Committee is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for students, staff, and their families.

Pursuant to RI General Laws 16-2-9, 16-2-9.1 and 16-2-18, the Lincoln School Committee has the responsibility to enforce applicable Federal and State laws, Executive Orders, rules and regulations, best practices and guidelines set forth from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) and RI Department of Health (RIDOH) for face coverings.

II. FACE COVERINGS SHOULD BE WORN IN LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Face coverings are recommended to be worn by all staff, students, and other individuals on school premises and/or attending school events or functions or incidental or related activities. Specifically, Employees/Students/Visitors should wear a face covering while on school grounds.

The Superintendent of Schools is directed to develop a protocol to facilitate this policy including the following:

All face coverings will follow the RIDOH and CDC guidance.

Disposable face coverings should be made available by the school for students and/or staff who need them.

Face coverings are required to be worn by everyone on the bus during school bus transportation until no longer required by federal law, regulation or order.

During sports and related activities, all athletes must have an approved face covering with them at all times and follow the athletic guidance from the Superintendent, (or designee), the Rhode Island Interscholastic League and CDC based on the requirement of their sport.

II. DEVELOPMENT OF PROTOCOL

The Superintendent of Schools shall develop a protocol to facilitate this policy.

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