

# CLIFTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardians,

As an unprecedented school year winds down and with temperatures rising, Clifton Public Schools will continue to monitor our buildings to ensure the health and safety of students and staff. On June 7, 2021, Governor Murphy released an announcement authorizing local school officials to loosen the previously required indoor face-covering mandate due to increasing temperatures.

Extreme temperatures impact a safe and effective learning environment in our school buildings that do not have air conditioning. The district will monitor indoor heat conditions on a classroom-by-classroom basis for the remainder of the year.

At the discretion of building administrators, schools will employ the following protocols effective immediately:

Face coverings are not required outdoors.

Students may lower their face coverings in instances of extreme heat when students are seated at their desks behind plastic barriers in buildings and classrooms without air conditioning.

Staff and students will be required to wear face coverings in buildings and classrooms with air conditioning. Face coverings must be worn when students are transitioning throughout the classroom, hallways, or other spaces.

Students and staff who wish to continue wearing a face-covering in all settings may do so at their discretion. Clifton Public Schools is anticipating official communication and guidance from the New Jersey Department of Education and the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) pertaining to face coverings.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we monitor the developing mandates and guidance while ensuring a safe and effective learning environment for our students and staff.

Sincerely,

Dr. Danny A. Robertozzi  
Superintendent, Clifton Public Schools