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Dear SCPS Families and Staff,

Last night, the Stafford County School Board voted that all staff, students, parents, families, visitors, and guests (anyone entering school property) are required to wear face coverings when indoors and [riding the school buses](#) through at least September 21. This vote provides another layer to the mitigation strategies that will help us prevent COVID-19 spread in our schools as nearly 30,000 students return to in-person learning five days each week.

Masks do not need to be worn when outdoors, eating, or during mask breaks. During indoor physical education and athletics, students may remove the masks during physical exertion. Where necessary for a student’s IEP or other health-related conditions, exemptions or other accommodations will be available. Staff members with documented medical conditions that prevent mask usage should contact Human Resources to discuss potential accommodations.

The chart below helps outline when masks must be worn in all SCPS buildings:

SCPS Mask Policy: Updated 8-4-21		
Setting	Fully Vaccinated Mask Required	Not Vaccinated Mask Required
Indoor - Students Present	YES	YES
Indoor - Eating	NO	NO
Indoor - Physical Education	SITUATIONAL	SITUATIONAL
Indoor - Athletics	SITUATIONAL	SITUATIONAL
Indoor - Chorus	YES - SPECIALIZED	YES - SPECIALIZED
Indoor - Woodwind and Brass Instruments	YES - SPECIALIZED	YES - SPECIALIZED
Indoor - No Students Present	YES	YES
Riding School Buses	YES	YES
Outdoor - Bus Stops	NO	NO
Outdoor - Recess with Physical Distance, Athletics, PE	NO	NO

This Guidance Applies to Students and Staff at all SCPS Facilities

Along with the wearing of masks, we will:

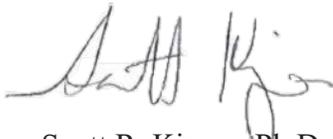
- Conduct daily health screenings before coming to work/school;
- Continue social distancing to the greatest extent possible;
- Encourage frequent hand washing and the use of hand sanitizer;
- Regularly disinfect and deep clean high touch surfaces;
- Coordinate with the Rappahannock Area Health Department to provide contact tracing; and
- Continue the use of air purifiers and other measures to improve ventilation and air filtration.

It is also important that we are all patient with our school buses the first few weeks of school. Routes and stops are continually evaluated to be sure we are best meeting the needs of our families. Please refer to our [Transportation website](#) for more information. It is also important that we all stop for our school buses appropriately so that our students may get on and off the bus safely. [Please take a moment to watch this short video that explains who must stop, when, and where when the school bus stop signs are out and the lights are flashing.](#)

I want to thank you, and I hope all of you who ride the bus will join me in thanking our drivers for their commitment to getting our students back and forth to school safely. At minimum a “good morning” and “have a good day” exchange between student and driver will set a very positive tone for the school day.

This will most likely be my last community letter. I wish every student great success, and I thank the staff and parents for the great partnership during the past three years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott R. Kizner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Scott" and last name "Kizner" clearly distinguishable.

Scott R. Kizner, Ph.D.
Superintendent