

# NEW MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Ms. Alisha DiCorpo  
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear NMPS Staff and Families:

On May 20, 2021, the State Department of Education sent a letter to Superintendents entitled: "Universal Mask Policies in School Buildings" which can be found here:

<https://content.schoolinsites.com/api/documents/b1112f4a48ce4449b9a28a0d4569c02f.pdf>

In the letter, the Governor details for school settings when masks are to be worn and when it is permitted to remove them. As you may know from my previous communications, masks continue to be required in school settings when students are indoors. However, when it comes to recess and PE outdoors, masks are only required in certain scenarios. The Governor's May 20th letter states: ***"Specific to outdoor settings, masks are not required, but we recommend continuing mask wearing for students and staff in situations where students and/or staff are outdoors and in close contact while stationary (e.g., sitting/standing together in a group). Where students are actively moving around during recess or physical education activities, masks can be removed. Masks should also be on when going out of the building to recess and back into the building afterward. Good hand hygiene should be emphasized before and after outdoor activities."***

Based on this newly issued guidance, our schools will no longer require students and staff to wear masks outdoors unless they are in close contact while stationary and/or when students are in a line arriving and/or leaving recess or PE.

As we are nearing the end of the school year, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and staff for all of their support in implementing the mitigation measures and guidance we've received over the course of the year. It's important that we continue to use the mitigation measures we have in place in order to finish the school year strong!

As always, please feel free to reach out to your school's principal should you have any specific school-based questions related to this communication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alisha DiCorpo".

Alisha DiCorpo