

Good evening parents and students of the Randolph County School System,

This is Stephen Gainey. I am calling to make you aware of several developments in our school system. At last night's Board of Education meeting, a resolution to make wearing cloth face coverings optional for students and staff members in our school system was adopted. Please know that this decision is effective immediately. Therefore, it applies to the remaining days of our summer school program as well as the 2021-2022 school year.

In addition, please note that the Randolph County School System plans to have all students back on school campuses for in-person instruction for five days per week during the 2021-2022 school year. However, in order to accomplish this goal, several safety standards will have to be implemented during the 2021-2022 school year until further notice. As a result, several safety standards also were discussed at last night's Board of Education meeting. For example, like the 2020-2021 school year, until further notice, parents and visitors, such as guest speakers, will not be permitted to enter school buildings during the school day during the 2021-2022 school year. This standard also applies to before school and after school when dropping off or picking up students. Furthermore, the contact tracing rules used at the end of the 2020-2021 school year will remain in place for the start of the 2021-2022 school year. More details about the school system's safety standards in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic to be implemented during the 2021-2022 school year will be shared in the coming days.

This message also will be posted on the school system's webpage.

I hope everyone has a great night!!