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Dear Voorhees Community,

On Monday, June 28, 2021, Governor Murphy issued a tentative statement that the wearing of masks in public schools will be left to the discretion of each district. The New Jersey Department of Education also released a "The Road Forward Plan" for September. Please see the link below.

<https://www.nj.gov/education/roadforward/docs/HealthAndSafetyGuidanceSY2122.pdf>

The Voorhees Township School District intends to reopen in September with five full days of in-person instruction for all students. We want to return our students to as close to a typical school day as possible.

Under the current guidance by Governor Murphy, the Voorhees Township School District will be making facemasks optional for all students and staff starting September 2021. For families that would also prefer to have a desk shield, the district will make that option available. As indicated in the "The Road Forward Plan," face coverings will still be required while riding on school buses.

Although we anticipate this will be our plan moving forward, we will continue to be guided by the recommendations of the CDC, NJDOH and/or Gov Murphy. Accordingly, The Voorhees Township District may need to modify this plan.

The Voorhees Township School District will continue implementing other mitigation strategies outlined in our plan and recommended by the DOE.

- Handwashing and proper hygiene.
- Social Distancing 3-6 feet whenever possible.
- Continued use of UV lighting.
- Frequent cleaning of common areas.
- Quarantining of positive cases.
- Contact tracing and notifications.
- Staff and students remain home when ill.
- Use of shields in all school cafeterias.
- Desks spread apart and facing one direction.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation as we continue our journey back to normalcy.

Respectfully,
Michael Redfearn
Acting Superintendent