The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools

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Dear SPF community,

Throughout the pandemic Governor Murphy has been providing mask mandates through Executive Orders and up until today he has maintained that all staff, students, and faculty are required to wear an appropriate face covering when entering our school buildings.

This afternoon, during Governor Murphy's coronavirus briefing and via tweet, he shared the following message:

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IN-SCHOOL MASKING REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE EXCEPTIONS FOR EXTREME HEAT.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS ARE EMPOWERED TO MAKE THE BEST DECISION FOR THEIR BUILDINGS AND COMMUNITIES.

GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY

The CDC guidance still recommends that unvaccinated individuals should continue wearing a face covering in public spaces, especially indoors, to protect themselves and others.

As we approach the warmer weather predicted through the end of June, starting tomorrow (June 8) masks are OPTIONAL for students, staff, and faculty in our non-air-conditioned buildings and spaces for the remainder of the school year. If breathing is difficult at any time or in any location, due to excessive heat, or any other reason the mask may be removed.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joan Mast

Superintendent of Schools