

HARRISON TWP SCHOOL DISTRICT



Good afternoon Harrison Families,

The purpose of this email is to clarify what appears to be a new direction from the Governor that he communicated shortly after 1pm today on Twitter. I have received a number of questions regarding this new information, therefore I thought it best to address our full school community on the what I know on these topics. This afternoon, on social media, was the first that I and all Superintendents were made aware of this information, therefore my ability to provide much clarification at this time is limited.

First, the Governor has stated that "Face coverings will be required for all students at all times inside school buildings". This appears to clarify any questions on masks. They will now be required for the vast majority of our students at all times while inside the school building and on busses. Apparently, there will be "several exemptions to this standard including an exception for certain students with disabilities". I have no information at this time on who will be included in these "several exemptions".

I had a number of immediate inquiries from parents as to whether or not we can now bring students who choose in person instruction in full time, since masks are required regardless of social distancing. On this topic, the Governor also tweeted this afternoon that "indoor gatherings are now limited to 25% of a room's capacity with a maximum of 25 people". I have not gotten clarification as of this time on if this new restriction includes classrooms. If it is determined that this directive on capacity includes schools, it will certainly dictate updates on our current AM/PM plan.

I hope this information provides some clarification, particularly to those parents who were questioning the district's plans for required masks. As I receive further direction, I will certainly share.

Thank you,

Dr. Missy Quinn Peretti, Superintendent of Schools