

Parent Affidavit Update

Dear Parents and Guardians:

On Friday, an update was sent home regarding the options that parents have for their children in the face of the new masking mandate. If for some reason you did not receive that letter, it is posted on this website for your convenience. The letter referenced a possible additional option in the form of a parent affidavit. The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has released their additional comments, and in the opinion of our school solicitor, there was no language to preclude this option. Therefore, we are making the parent affidavit option available to any parent who qualifies. To qualify, both parents (unless a parent has sole custody) would have to certify that their child cannot wear a face covering because “it would either cause a medical condition, or exacerbate an existing one, including respiratory issues that impede breathing, a mental health condition or a disability.”

The affidavit must be notarized, and the student must have the fully executed affidavit in hand to be able to attend school without wearing a mask. If you qualify for this option but need more time to have the affidavit signed by both parents and notarized, please take the offer we have extended of using a few excused absence days to complete this process. Simply call the school office and let the secretary know your child’s name and the number of days that you expect to need to complete the process. Please do not send your child to school without a mask if the affidavit is not complete. Also please keep in mind that children who qualify for this exemption will still need to be quarantined if they are identified as a close contact to a positive case.

Also, any parent who wishes to try this year’s online option for up to twelve days to see if it is a better option for your child, please sign up on the district’s website or call the school office.

If you have questions about these or any of the other options for complying with the mask mandate, please contact your building administrator. And again, thank you for working with us during this difficult time in education.