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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Yesterday afternoon, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PaDOH) and Acting Secretary of Health announced a face covering mandate for all K-12 public schools. This PADOH State Mandate is scheduled to take effect at 12:01am on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 and will be reviewed again next month by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Our school solicitor reviewed the mandate and has advised that the Elizabeth Forward School District must comply with this PaDOH State Mandate. Beginning on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at Elizabeth Forward School District, each teacher, child/student, staff or visitor working, attending, or visiting a district building must properly wear a face covering indoors, regardless of vaccination status, except as set forth in Section 3 of the order. The order is posted on our school district website at www.efsd.net.

We know and understand that the last 18 months have been difficult, and the Elizabeth Forward School District is committed to providing a quality education, while not compromising your child's health and well-being. We recognize that these are challenging times for everyone, but we must continue to make decisions that are in the best interest of our students, staff, and community while at the same time following all Federal and State Mandates.

Elizabeth Forward School District will continue to work with the Allegheny County Health Department, Governor Wolf's Office, the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Department of Health to obtain the most current information related to COVID-19 and keep the community updated.

We know our kids perform best when they are in the classroom and despite this new mandate, we are committed to ensuring your student has an enriching and successful year.

We will get through this together as a community and ask for your continued support and cooperation, because we are EFstrong!

Sincerely,

Dr. Todd E. Keruskin
Superintendent of Schools