

Southmoreland School District



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Dear Southmoreland School District Students, Parents, and Staff:

Over the past week there have been several announcements relating to the school mask mandate. This message provides an important update to all families and staff before school resumes on Monday, November 15th.

Southmoreland schools have been operating under the August 31st Masking Order, which mandates masks in school settings unless an exemption applies. Earlier this week, Governor Wolf announced that the mask mandate will be lifted on January 17, 2022. On Wednesday, the Commonwealth Court issued an order voiding the mask mandate. The state quickly appealed the order to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. This appeal triggers a stay of the Court's ruling and keeps the Masking Order in effect until further notice.

We will continue to operate our schools in compliance with all state mandates, including the Masking Order. Please ensure all students are wearing a face covering while inside district buildings unless they have an approved exemption.

I commend our community for following the mandate, because these types of mitigation measures have allowed Southmoreland schools to remain open without disruption. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Vincent Mascia

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