



Akron Central School District

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Superintendent of Schools*

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Dear Akron School District Community:

The issue of face masks requirements for school districts has been confusing, contradictory and ultimately frustrating for many parents, students, and school personnel. Yet, as I communicated to you in my [June 7th letter](#) regarding our continued obligation per the NYSDOH to have staff and students wear masks while indoors, the Akron School District will abide by the NYSDOH guidance as is required under Executive Order 202.60. This order clearly states that schools are permitted to reopen subject to adherence to Department of Health issued guidance and directives.

The purpose of this correspondence is to further clarify that, as a school district, we recognize that there are many points of view and we respect people's varying positions on this matter. We also value an individual's freedom of speech and firmly believe that people can disagree without being disagreeable. Finally, we appreciate the input of parents, community members, students and staff that have expressed their thoughts on this and other important issues the school district faces as we seek to serve our students and community.

On a related matter, the Governor recently announced that, based on the current COVID-19 infection rates trajectory, all New York State schools will reopen for full in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year beginning in September. Accordingly, the Akron Central School District is planning for a full return of students to a traditional in person, 5-day instructional program in September. The District will discontinue the fully remote and/or hybrid models at the conclusion of this school year unless we are required to provide these models by the Governor or the NYSDOH. Students that have medically documented conditions or vulnerabilities will be accommodated using the various instructional program options that are typically used when a student is unable to attend school for medical reasons.

As always, thank you for working with us and supporting your children.

Sincerely,

Patrick D. McCabe
Superintendent of Schools