

ATLANTIC CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Dear Atlantic City Public School District Community,

On March 7, 2022, Governor Phil Murphy will no longer require masks or face coverings for students, staff or visitors in schools. The governor's decision was based on the significant decline of COVID-19 cases in New Jersey. As a result, **effective March 7, the Atlantic City School District will no longer require masks.** Staff, students or visitors to all buildings may wear masks as an option with no limitations.

Our decision is based on the decline in our school district's current COVID cases and the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) current reports. Please be advised that if our COVID cases increase drastically, the mask mandate may return. **Individuals who choose to wear masks will be treated with decency and respect as they exercise their right. Bullying or ridicule will not be tolerated.**

To decrease the number of COVID cases, we will continue to follow COVID protocols by expecting all students and staff to wash hands frequently, use hand sanitizer and practice social distancing based on NJDOH guidelines.

I would like to thank you for your continued support by complying with federal, state and local health guidelines related to COVID protocols.

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Yours in Education,

Dr. La'Quetta S. Small
Superintendent of Schools