Ludlow Public Schools

Office of the Superintendent

205 Fuller Street, Ludlow, Massachusetts 01056

The Mission of the Ludlow Public Schools is to provide a quality education for every student by working in partnership with parents and community to assist each student in reaching his/her full potential.

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LUDLOW SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA - March 2, 2022
VIRTUAL MEETING – LUDLOW - 6:00 P.M.

***Per Governor Baker's order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec. 20. Members of the Committee will participate remotely via an interactive online video platform. Members of the Public can email ludlowsc@ludlowps.org

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOMMENDED ACTION
NEW BUSINESS

1. Amend Policy File: EBCFA – FACE COVERINGS - The CDC announced Friday, February 25, 2022 that they were removing the federal mask requirement on school busses.

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("The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may, in fact, be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.")

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FILE:EBCFA

FACE COVERINGS

The Ludlow Public Schools (the "District") is committed to providing a safe environment in schools during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The District utilizes a layered approach to mitigating the effects of COVID-19 by implementing the following measures as appropriate:

- promoting vaccines and boosters;
- offering access to testing supplies to students and staff;
- asking individuals to stay home when they are sick;
- emphasizing personal hygiene (wash hands; cover coughs and sneezes).

According to public health experts, one of the best ways to stop the spread of coronavirus and to keep members of our school community safe is the use of face masks or face coverings. Accordingly:

- Any individual who wishes to wear a mask <u>may</u> do so and will be supported in that choice.
- It is strongly <u>recommended</u> that all individuals in schools wear masks but especially those who are unvaccinated and those who face higher risk from COVID-19.
- A face covering that covers the nose and mouth <u>must</u> be worn by all individuals under the following circumstances:
    - on school transportation (per federal law);
    - in school health offices (state requirement);
    - upon return to school after a five-day isolation period (after testing positive for COVID-19) or quarantine period (after exposure to a COVID-19 positive person) (mask required for five days except when eating, drinking, or outdoors)

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Masks or face coverings will not be required for anyone who has a medical, behavioral or other challenge making it unsafe to wear a face mask or face covering. A written note from a physician is required for a requested exemption. Parents may not excuse their child from the face mask requirement by signing a waiver. Exceptions must be approved by the building principal in consultation with the school nurse. Face shields or physical barriers may provide an alternative in some instances.

If students are in violation of this policy, the building principal will consult with the parent/guardians to determine whether an exception is appropriate, or the student may be removed from the school building for in-person learning until such time as they can comply with the requirement, or the requirement is lifted.

Violations of this policy by staff will be handled in the same manner as other violations of School Committee policy.

Visitors in violation of this policy will be denied entry to the school/district facility.

This policy will remain in place until rescinded by the School Committee.

REFS:

Update on DESE Mask Requirement, February 9, 2022:
https://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/on-desktop/2022-0209mask-requirement-update.pdf

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