



# Windham School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

For those of you that missed this week's board meeting, I wanted to provide an update and outline the next steps. The board discussed the potential need to adjust their current indoor face mask matrix. As of today, no changes have been made to the current matrix: <https://bit.ly/3l6mfUo>. A series of questions were discussed with the district's Public Health Consultant so that she could share her professional perspective on which tools and measurements to consider when creating a decision matrix. The board has scheduled a meeting for next **Wednesday, September 15 at 7:15 pm**, to provide an update from the Public Health Consultant and vote on an adjusted indoor face mask matrix.

The topic of masks has become a delicate conversation to have and a challenging environment to navigate. Please know that our administrative leaders, teachers, and staff are all working tirelessly to accommodate all student needs and that our student's health and safety are at the forefront of all our efforts. Our schools will be implementing additional strategies to meet the necessary safety and mitigation tactics for students who may have compromised immune systems.

The district will no longer provide weekly active COVID-19 cases to the public. Last year, this information was tracked and/or reported to us by NH DHHS which is a service they are no longer providing. This year we are only able to capture the total active cases from self-reporting when it is reported. We continue to highly recommend you report any active case in your household to the school nurse so that we can protect all students. We are internally tracking active COVID-19 cases that are reported to the school by parents. If your student was in a classroom where a positive case is reported to us, you will be notified so that you can properly monitor symptoms. Our district leaders are also tracking daily updates from the state through the COVID-19 Dashboard: <https://www.covid19.nh.gov/dashboard> which is the mechanism that we have utilized to measure criteria within the board's indoor mask matrix.

I wanted to thank the community members who took the time to provide their feedback regarding the Safer at School Screening (SASS) survey. The results showed an overall interest in this free service, and we are currently working with ConvenientMD to organize a site visit at each of the schools starting next week. All parents will have the opportunity to register their students regardless of their participation in the survey. All parents also have the option to opt out of this service. Additional details will be provided once available.

The NHIAA has allowed each school to institute its own mitigation tactics for fans and athletes during athletic events. We wanted to remind our athletes and spectators that each district in our competing division may



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have different mitigation tactics implemented. Our athletes and spectators are expected to respect and abide by the home team's rules when we travel to their campus for games and tournaments. If you have any questions, please reach out to your athlete's coach for clarification.

Thank you for your support and participation this year while we continue to adjust and correct our plan of action during the COVID-19 pandemic in order to properly protect and educate our students. I will continue my weekly communications this year to keep you informed of any updates or information you may need to know.

Thank you,

Richard Langlois  
**Superintendent of Schools**