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Dear Parents and Guardians:

To mask or not to mask - new information lets us know it is up to you.

Based on Governor Murphy's statement earlier this week, the Allamuchy Township School District will be relaxing mask requirements for staff and students in our district through the end of the school year and during our summer programs. Governor Murphy stated, "In-school masking requirements include exceptions for extreme heat" and that "school officials are empowered to make the best decision for their buildings and communities".

Based on this information, students and staff may remove their masks during the extreme heat both outdoors and in our buildings and classrooms for the remainder of the school year and during the summer programs. This applies to our school buses as well. This decision has been made while considering the health and safety issues for all students and staff with the support of our Warren County Department of Health.

In our K-8 district, we have many young students. Because of this, it is important that you share your decision about mask wearing with your child's teacher. If you **do not** want your child to remove his/her mask, **you must** reach out to their teacher and school nurse through email. We will continue to implement social distancing and desk shields. Frequent hand washing and all other COVID-19 mitigation measures to support the health and safety of everyone will continue.

Please be advised that COVID symptoms will still be addressed by our school nurses who are doing what they can to mitigate the spread of COVID. If your child or anyone in the household has symptoms, **do not** send them to school. Please continue to maintain physical distancing and be courteous around those who chose to wear a mask for safety or for health reasons.

Sincerely,

The ATSD Admins