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Dear Mercer Families,

Today, November 10, 2021, the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania issued a ruling that voids the Face Covering Order for schools in PA that was issued on August 31, 2021 by the Acting Secretary of the Department of Health. Within several hours of the Commonwealth Courts ruling, Gov. Wolf appealed the court's decision to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Any appeal by the Commonwealth or a Commonwealth officer automatically triggers a stay order. This means upon the filing of the appeal by the Governor, an automatic stay became effective. Thus, we are back to the state-wide mask order being in place until a ruling is made by the PA Supreme Court.

If you have a question or if you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me in the central office (724-662-5100). I will provide you with the most recent, yet ever changing, information I have at the time.

Sincerely,

Ronald R. Rowe, Jr., Ed. D
Superintendent
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