

# Northern Potter



# School District

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Dear parents and staff:

During the late evening of Wednesday, September 8, The PA Department of Education informed school districts, including the Northern Potter School District, of numerous substantial consequences and penalties the district will receive if found violating the mask order.

The PA Department of Education has made it very clear to school districts that the mask order must be followed in accordance with the mandate.

The district's goal is to continue in-person teaching and learning while having as "normal" of a school year as possible.

Therefore, in order to continue in-person instruction, the district is requiring all teachers, staff members, students/children, parents, and visitors to wear a face mask/shield when:

- On the school bus/school transportation
- Indoors
- Attending athletic events or
- Other activities while indoor school facilities

Exceptions to the mask requirement are listed in Section 3 of the mandate and in my initial mandate letter sent to you on Thursday, September 2.

**Individual parent notes, notes from the Heritage Family Health, and other communicated exceptions without a signature of a licensed physician for a specific child will not be accepted.**

I completely understand there is a lot of emotion and discussion around the mask mandate. Please understand, the district is in a position to follow the mandate as it is written. I know many parents and community members do not agree with the mandate. However, I am requiring your cooperation with the mask mandate starting tomorrow, September 10, 2021.

Sincerely,

Nate Jones