

August 5, 2020

### A Message from Mr. Arcurio

On Monday afternoon, the Governor made an announcement that may affect families' decisions regarding the in-person/hybrid option or the completely virtual option for the 1st Trimester of the 2020-2021 school year. The announcement conveyed the following:

*Governor Murphy said the state Department of Education has [updated its reopening guidance document](#) to require face coverings "for all students at all times while inside a school building regardless of social distancing," unless doing so would inhibit the individual's health.*

***This eliminates indoor mask breaks and flexibility to remove masks even if students are socially distanced at desks or elsewhere in the school building.***

**As I have stated, we want families to have as much information as possible when making this decision. If you have already submitted a response and wish to submit another with a different response, do so. We will eliminate the first response and use the one with the most recent time-stamp.**

Documents available on the website([www.lebanonschool.org](http://www.lebanonschool.org)) include:

- [LBS Reopening Plan Parent Summary](#)
- [LBS Board Presentation Slides from July 30th Meeting](#)
- [LBS School Reopening Plan Q&A Document 8-3-20](#)

If you have additional questions, I will work to update the document throughout the week. You may continue sending those questions to my email ([barcurio@lebanonschool.org](mailto:barcurio@lebanonschool.org)). **Do not** reply to this email as it is not a monitored email box.

Please remember that practicing wearing a mask, handwashing, hand sanitizing, social distancing and other safety measures should not be left until the start of school. We will, of course, work on these things at the beginning of school; however, it will be a much easier transition if this is done in the weeks prior to opening. Hunterdon Healthcare created two videos for families that can be viewed at the links below:

Video for Children: (One of our students is in this one)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96Ek9iFiwLY&feature=youtu.be>

Video for Parents/Guardians:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R2ttHcdKjOE&feature=youtu.be>

Thank you to all of the staff and Board Members who continue to help in the planning of the upcoming school year and thank you to all LBS families for your continued support as we work to provide the children of Lebanon Borough with a safe learning environment in September. Your input and questions have been invaluable to the process.

Better Together,  
Bruce Arcurio  
Superintendent

**YMCA Before/After Care**

As noted in the slide presentation, the YMCA is offering onsite before and aftercare. Aftercare will begin when the in-person school day ends at 12:45 pm. If you are interested in this, you can review and register for the various options available at [https://operations.daxko.com/Online/5210/ProgramsV2/Search.mvc?program\\_id=CC2568&](https://operations.daxko.com/Online/5210/ProgramsV2/Search.mvc?program_id=CC2568&)

**Important Dates**

August 10th	Families commit to a school model for the first trimester (hybrid or virtual)
September 1st	1st Day for students - 12:45pm dismissal