
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MEMO

TO: PCCS COMMUNITY
SUBJECT: BOARD ACTION MASK CHOICE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2022

Dear PCCS Community,

At tonight 's Board Meeting, the Board discussed the results of the [Community and Staff Surveys](#), listened to public comment, and heard a presentation from the Administration regarding what a transition plan would look like if the Board enacted a Mask Choice option for families at PCCS. After consulting with legal counsel about the recent Appellate Court Ruling on whether the Governor's Executive Order was enforceable, weighing the results of the surveys and the school community input; the Board voted 7-0 (with one absent) to have the school move forward with the [Phase 5B Mask Choice Implementation Plan](#).

The School is confident, given the recent metrics in our representative zip codes and the limited reported cases on a weekly basis at PCCS, that the school can implement the Mask Choice plan while giving our community the opportunity to feel comfortable in their decisions for their children.

As previously communicated, PCCS strongly encourages families to choose the comfort level that best fits for your families. We know that parents are the experts on their family, and families have many reasons for the choices they make. The key to this transition is the emotional support and wellbeing for all students, staff, and families and the goal is to create a classroom environment in which staff and students, masked, and unmasked, all feel welcome, safe, seen, and supported.

As with most of the decisions related to COVID-19, we know this action has caused relief for some and concern for others. The Board and the Administration reiterated that if the metrics in Lake County begin to rise, if the cases at the school among student and staff increase and /or if our representative zip code population see an increase in reported cases – the school will re-evaluate the appropriate mitigation protocols that the school will implement.

As a reminder, and since this decision is coming at late hour, we understand that you and your child(ren) may not be prepared for school tomorrow. We want families to remember that any student has the opportunity to take what the state refers to as "*Mental Health Days*" (up to 5 per year) when they need to - without it being considered an absence nor needing to make up any assignments.



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