

Good Evening,

On Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled that the PA Department of Health's mask mandate was invalid. While this ruling alleviates the masking order, school districts are still obligated to follow their health and safety plans. Western Wayne's current Health and Safety Plan requires masks for all students and staff for a period of two weeks if Wayne County is in the "High" category for rate of transmission according to the CDC data. Therefore, for the next two weeks, masks will be required throughout the district and at all district events. We will be reviewing our Health and Safety Plan over the next few weeks to make revisions based upon current data and recommendations from health officials and the Department of Education. A revised plan will be presented to the School Board at the January board meeting. We will continue to update you with necessary information as we move forward. As always, thank you for your cooperation and continued understanding during these times. Have a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Barrett".

Matthew Barrett, Ed.D.  
Superintendent