

## **USE OF FACE COVERINGS**

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility relative to student, employee, vendor, and visitor health and safety.

The spread of certain communicable diseases, specifically those that are transmitted via respiratory droplets, may be limited by use of face coverings, including face masks and other face shields (including, but not limited to cloth/fabric face masks and face shields that wrap around the face and extend below the chin) when social distancing cannot be maintained.

In order to maintain a safe and healthy school environment, and reduce the potential spread of communicable disease, the Board of Education complies with all federal, state, and local legal mandates intended to protect the health and safety of the District's students, employees, and visitors, including requirements to implement and enforce the use of face coverings while on District property and/or during offsite school events and programming.

The Superintendent shall establish procedures and requirements regarding the use of face coverings by District students, staff, vendors, and visitors, in compliance with legal requirements and any orders issued by the Ohio Department of Health, local departments of health, the Ohio Department of Education or other entities authorized to regulate health or education within the State. In developing such procedures and regulations, the Superintendent also will consider available medical science and recommendations set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Education, Ohio Department of Health and local departments of health. The Superintendent shall update the procedures and requirements regarding the use of face coverings as needed based on changes to the law, orders or recommendations from the above-named entities. The District's procedures and requirements regarding face coverings are made publicly-available on the District's website.