Mr. Curtis D. Craig Superintendent

June 15, 2021

Dear Bomber Community,

It's been a challenging year and everyone needs time this summer to relax, spend time with family and have some fun. I hope you are finding time this summer to recharge and refresh.

While COVID-19 has not gone away, cases are currently low and the Governor has provided new guidance. On June 30, the mandate for facial coverings in schools will end. It will be up to individual school boards to make decisions that are best for their community.

At the June 15 meeting, the RCSC Board voted to make facial coverings optional as of July 1, 2021. This policy will stay in effect unless we receive other mandates from the Governor or the health departments. As we have seen over the last year, COVID-19 outbreaks can happen and change should be expected.

Wearing masks on public transportation is a federal requirement and still in effect. Therefore, masks are still required on RCSC buses.

Vaccination is encouraged but will not be required at Rensselaer Schools for staff or students. However, the procedures for contact tracing and quarantine are still in effect for those not vaccinated. Fully vaccinated people will not have to quarantine unless symptomatic.

We had a great year last year with no days missed due to COVID at the Primary, Van or Middle School. The High School only missed two weeks due to the number of students on quarantine. The support we received from students, parents and the school community helped keep our students in school.

Please be assured, we will maintain contact with health officials and implement changes as necessary to protect our students and staff while keeping our schools open. Again, thank you for your support as we navigate the uncertain times with this pandemic.

Curt Craig

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