September 9, 2021

Dear Parent:

The health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority. The state has mandated the use of face masks by staff, students, and visitors in the indoor portion of the school district premises. However, there are exemptions. For students with physical, medical, or social emotional limitations, wearing a face mask may not be possible.

A student at West has requested and received an exemption from the requirement to wear a mask. The exemption was granted after the district’s review of supporting documentation and approval from the district physician.

Our staff will take appropriate steps to minimize the unmasked student’s contact with other students.

We encourage parents to continue working with their children on normalizing masking by practicing at home, showing their children pictures of other children with masks on, role modeling and explaining the reasons for masking as developmentally appropriate. Any student who exhibits symptoms as identified on the COVID-19 screening checklist will be assessed by the school nurse and if required, district protocol will be followed to isolate and send home the identified student. Any necessary contact tracing and notification of other families will be handled by the Camden County Department of Health.

Sincerely,

LaCoyya H. Weathington
Assistant Superintendent Compliance, Equity & Student Services