



August 6, 2021

Dear ASA Families,

Last week I wrote to you about the layered mitigation plan we have in place to keep our students, faculty, and staff safe during this time of rising Covid-19 cases and the transmissibility of the of the new Delta Variant. The second most effective layer of protection (after vaccination) is wearing a mask, and we currently have a policy that strongly recommends, but does not require masking in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order and new state law. Since last week, we have seen a growing number of schools districts returning to a Mask Requirement despite the Governor's Executive Order. We have also heard from ASA parents and faculty who share our concern that roughly 30% of our students are under the age of 12 and ineligible for vaccine, and others who are concerned about high rates of transmission to vulnerable adults and younger children at home. Additionally, we have been committed to following the science and CDC guidelines which now recommend universal indoor masking for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors to K-12 schools regardless of vaccination status.

The ASA Board of Directors will hold a special meeting on August 12th at 5:00 p.m. to consider the mask policy ASA will adopt for the opening of school on August 17th. As always this is a public meeting and available to you over ZOOM if you wish to attend [via this link](#).

Many thanks to those of you who shared your perspectives with us over the past week. We will continue to listen to your concerns and welcome your partnership in maintaining in-person learning for all our students in the coming year!

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Leah' in a cursive, flowing script.

Leah Fregulia
Head of School/CEO