



# Steelton- Highspire School District

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March 10, 2022

Dear Roller Families,

During last night's Legislative School Board Meeting, the school board approved the recommendation from administration to update our current Health and Safety plan to reflect the most recent changes from the CDC. The recommendation from the administration was determined by reviewing this most recent guidance. Please read this email thoroughly for important information.

## MASKING

Masks will no longer be required in the District's school buildings, beginning March 28, 2022. Although masking will still be encouraged, it will not be mandatory for students, staff, or visitors to wear masks in our buildings. Individuals are no longer required to be masked on SHSD district transportation.

## CLOSE CONTACTS WITH POSITIVE CASES

Individuals who are in close contact with a positive case and are not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 will not be excluded from school or school activities, regardless of vaccination status.

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or are in close contact with a positive case and are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 will be required to isolate or quarantine as required under Commonwealth and CDC directives and per the direction of their health care provider.

We will not be tracking close contacts or requiring quarantine for potential exposures occurring within our school buildings or at our programs. We will continue to track overall positive cases in each building and that data will remain available on the District's website.

## CONTINUED MONITORING

The District will continue to regularly monitor COVID-19 transmission data and related guidance and directives. As local/county transmission level and guidance from the CDC and PDE change, the District administration may recommend that the school board make updates to our protocols as they become appropriate.

It is possible that the Health and Safety Plan may be revised in the future as circumstances in a building, classroom or district change or when the legal requirements regarding masking require a different approach.

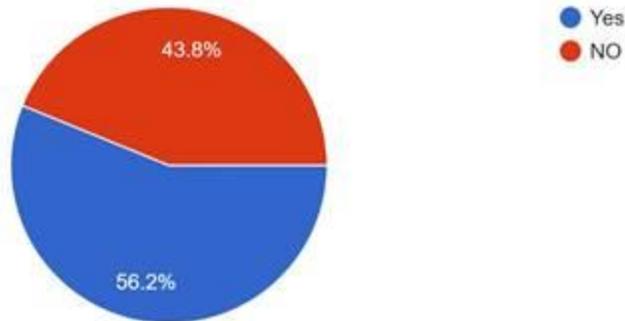
## MASK SURVEY DATA

The district collected data through a survey that was sent to our school community of parent/guardians, SHSD staff, and SHSD school board members. This survey was sent to 1048 people and the survey was taken by 251 people. Review of this data helped administration develop a timeline for when the mask optional shift would take place. Here are the results of the survey sent out.

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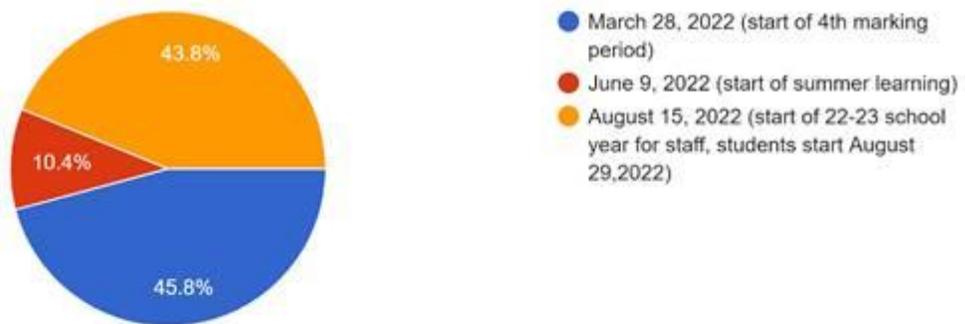
Would you like to see the Steelton-Highspire Mask requirement change from mandated to optional?

251 responses



If you would like to see the School District move to a mask optional policy, at which date would you like to see it occur?

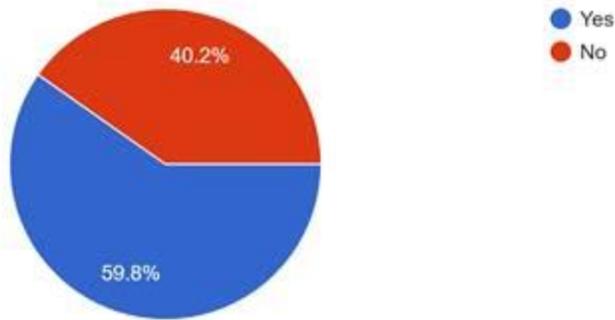
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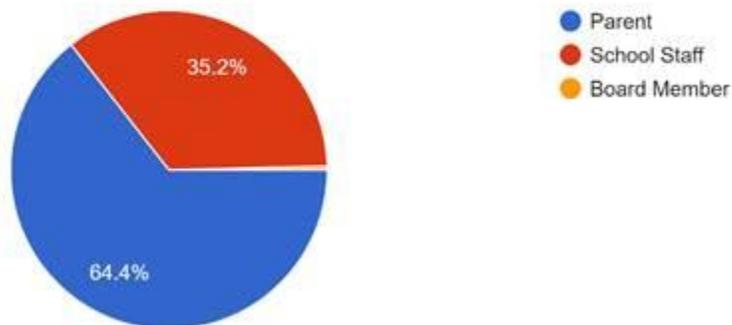
If masks were made optional, would you feel comfortable sending your child to school? For staff, would you be comfortable being in school?

251 responses



Please identify your role within the District

250 responses



Thank you for your continued support and please continue to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

Mick Iskric, Jr.  
Superintendent