

Town of Littleton School Committee



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7:00 PM

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Topic: School Committee, 12/2/2021, 7pm

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A G E N D A

Our mission is to foster a community of learners who strive for excellence and prepare each student to be a successful, contributing citizen in a global society.

7:00 I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order

2. Consent Agenda

- Minutes – November 18, 2021

- Oath to Bills and Payroll

7:05 II. INTERESTED CITIZENS

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7:10 III. RECOGNITION

1. **Student Representative(s) Report:** *Student Representative(s), will give a report of events for each school.*
2. **Rotary Thanksgiving Day Breakfast:** *Superintendent Kelly Clenchy will recognize the Rotary Club for sponsoring the Thanksgiving Day Breakfast. All proceeds go to the Littleton Scholarship Trust. A shout out to the 10 Students from the High School who volunteered their time and were a tremendous help.*
3. **November 29th vaccination clinic:** *Superintendent Kelly Clenchy and PPS Director Lyn Snow will give an update on the November 29th vaccination clinic.*

7:15 IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Public Health Metrics:** *Chair Matt Hunt will give an update on the Public Health Metrics.*
2. **LHS Attestation approval from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education-attached letter:** *Superintendent Kelly Clenchy will discuss the approval of the LHS attestation form indicating that the school has reached the required 80% vaccination rate.*
3. **Update: High School Vaccination Rates and MIIS:** *Superintendent, Dr. Kelly Clenchy, will provide an update on the vaccination rates at Littleton High School.*
4. **Littleton Board of Health's response to request for a Waiver.** *Superintendent Kelly Clenchy and School Committee members will discuss the response from the BOH in regard to a request for a waiver from the town-wide indoor mask mandate specific to LHS, which would permit the School Committee and Administration to consider the implementation of a three week trial which would permit vaccinated staff and students to exercise mask flexibility.*
(Potential Motion- to amend the motion to change the mask flexibility trial period from December 6, 2021 to December 23, 2021 to January 17, 2022 to February 4, 2022 and send a notice to the BOH indicating the request for a waiver from the town wide mask mandate during the new trial period providing the town-wide mask mandate remains in effect beyond January 15, 2022).
5. **School Committee Meeting Format:** *School Committee discussion regarding meeting format moving forward, in-person/hybrid, in-person, remote.*

8:05 V. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Financial Update:** *Business Manager Steve Mark will give a financial update.*
2. **Upcoming Presentations for December 16th SC Meeting:** *Synopsis of November 2, 2021 Tri-district PD day, Spring 2021 MCAS Results*

8:10 VI. INTERESTED CITIZENS

8:35 VII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. PMBC**
- 2. Budget Subcommittee**
- 3. Policy Subcommittee: (see LPS website to view all policies)**
<http://www.littletonps.org/school-committee/school-committee-policies>

8:40 VIII. ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of contract
Negotiations with no intention to return to Open Session.**

**Next School Committee Meeting
December 16, 2021
7:00 PM
Zoom Webinar**

11.30.21 @ 2:45pm

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES November 18, 2021 7:00PM

PRESENT: Matthew Hunt
Brad Austin
Justin McCarthy
Timalyn Rassias
Jen Gold

ALSO PRESENT: Kelly Clenchy
Steve Mark
Dorothy Mulone
Bettina Corrow

NOT PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER

Matthew Hunt called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

On a motion by Timalyn Rassias and seconded by Justin McCarthy it was voted to approve the October 28th, 2021, consent agenda as presented. (AYE: Unanimous). Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Matthew Hunt, AYE; Brad Austin, AYE; Justin McCarthy, AYE; Timalyn Rassias, AYE; and Jen Gold, AYE.

INTERESTED CITIZENS

None

RECOGNITION

- 1. Student Representative(s) Update:** Student representative, Maddie Shufrin gave an update on upcoming school activities and events at all four schools.
- 2. John and Abigail Adams Scholarship:** Principal John Harrington provided a list of the thirteen Littleton High School students who have received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. This scholarship entitles recipients to free tuition upon their acceptance to a Massachusetts state university or college. The list of recipients was included in the packet.
- 3. The Mighty Oak Fun:** Superintendent Kelly Clenchy recognized the \$4,000.00 donation to the Littleton Public Schools from The Mighty Oak Fund, and thanked Bobby Chrenc.

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- 35 4. The Town of Littleton and Littleton Public Schools hosted their first vaccination clinic on November 8th. The
36 second will be Nov. 29th. The clinics will be held at the middle school. Dr. Clenchy thanked everyone who has
37 been involved with this initiative.
- 38 5. Brad Austin thanked everyone for their leadership to secure the VaxBus to Littleton and all the effort that went
39 into making this happen. He also thanked Jason Everhart for the Middle School recognition.
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41 **PRESENTATION**

- 42 1. **Athletics Update:** Athletic Director Mike Lynn gave an update on the LPS Athletics.

43 **Fall Athletics Recap**

44 ■ **Sports:**

- 45 ➤ Boys' & Girls' Cross Country (V/MS)
- 46 ➤ Golf (V)
- 47 ➤ Field Hockey (V/JV/MS)
- 48 ➤ Boys' & Girls' Soccer (V/JV/MS)
- 49 ➤ Football (V/JV)
- 50 ➤ Cheer (V)

51 ■ Teams: 17

52 ■ Athletes: 270

53 ■ Contests: 201

54 **LHS Fall Varsity Records**

55 ■ V Boys' Cross Country: 7-0

56 ■ V Girls' Cross Country: 6-1

57 ■ V Golf: 7-8

58 ■ V Field Hockey: 17-3

59 ■ V Boys' Soccer: 4-9-4

60 ■ V Girls' Soccer: 15-2-1

61 ■ V Football: 4-5 (1 game left to play)

62 ■ V Cheer: N/A

63 **Winter Athletics Preview**

64 ■ **Sports:**

- 65 ➤ Boys' & Girls' Basketball (V/JV/MS)
- 66 ➤ Boys' & Girls' Indoor Track (V)
- 67 ➤ Boys' Ice Hockey (V/JV – Bromfield coop)
- 68 ➤ Girls' Ice Hockey (V – WA coop)
- 69 ➤ Boys' & Girls' Swimming & Diving (V – Bromfield coop)
- 70 ➤ Boys' & Girls' Alpine Skiing (V – Lunenburg coop)
- 71 ➤ Gymnastics (V – G-D coop)

72 ■ Teams: 10 LPS / 16 Total

73 ■ Athletes: TBD

74 ■ Contests: TBD

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76 Timalyn Rassias inquired about girls' volleyball.

77 Mike Lynn said that the schools we usually compete with do not offer volleyball. That doesn't mean we
78 cannot offer it at some point, but we would be competing against larger schools.

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Brad Austin – Thanked Mike for a successful fall season. He also reminded Mr. Lynn to encourage the coaches to have a serious talk with the players about harassment and appropriate behavior amongst all the players and opponents.

Justin McCarthy – How are the numbers of participants this year?

Mike Lynn – The number of participants for football is down. But the boys' and girls' soccer is up and so is boys cross country. I am hoping we will be around 65% participation after this school year.

2. **AP Testing Update:** Principal John Harrington and Assistant Principal Keith Comeau gave a presentation on the AP Testing.

Advanced Placement (AP) - May 2021 Results

AP Courses at LHS

1. AP Psychology
2. AP English Literature & Composition
3. AP United States History
4. AP Calculus AB
5. AP Statistics
6. AP Biology
7. AP Physics C: Mechanics
8. AP Computer Science Principles
9. AP French
10. AP Spanish
11. AP Art History
12. AP Studio Art
13. AP Macroeconomics (New this year)

Subjects where students took 2021 AP Exams

1. Computer Science A
2. Calculus AB
3. English Language & Composition
4. English Literature & Composition
5. United States History
6. Psychology
7. French Language and Culture
8. Latin
9. Music Theory
10. Biology
11. Calculus BC
12. Statistics
13. Computer Science Principles
14. Physics C: Mechanics
15. Chemistry
16. Human Geography

Number of students taking AP exams

99 students took at least one AP exam. Combined 186 AP exams were taken.

Number and Percentage of Exams at each AP Score Level, May 2021

*Results include students who took multiple exams

AP Score Level	# of Student exams	% of Student exams
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5	60	32%
4	57	31%
3	38	20%
2	23	12%
1	8	4%

AP Scholars

■ AP Scholar

Granted to students who receive grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.

■ AP Scholar with Honor

Granted to students who receive an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

■ AP Scholar with Distinction

Granted to students who receive an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

■ National AP Scholar

Discontinued in 2021

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.

Summary Notes

- 84% students scored at least a 3 on one AP Exam

- 51% of Graduating class scored a 3 or higher on an exam at least once

- AP Statistics and AP Calculus AB have two sections this year

- AP Macroeconomics and AP Art History are being taught this year

- Current students have expressed interest in taking AP Computer Science A in the future

Brad Austin – I continue to be impressed with the volume of AP classes we are offering.

3. **Dyslexia and Early Literacy Screening Update:** Director of Teaching and Learning Elizabeth Steele, Director of Pupil Personnel Services Lyn Snow and Shaker Lane Principal Michelle Kane gave an update on Dyslexia and Early Literacy Screening.

Presentation topics:

- Overview of Regulations and Selected Materials
- Current Implementation and Assessment Overview
- After the Screener

Overview of Regulations and Selected Materials

- Early Literacy Universal Screening
- An Act Relative to Students with Dyslexia
- AimswebPlus

Assessment Overview - Kindergarten & Transitional Early Literacy & Reading

- Print Concepts
- Initial Sounds

- Letter Naming Fluency
 - Letter Word Sound Fluency
 - Auditory Vocabulary
- Rapid Automatized Naming Shaywitz Dyslexia Screener

Assessment Overview - Grade 1

Early Literacy & Reading

- Phoneme Segmentation
- Letter Word Sound Fluency
- Word Reading Fluency
- Auditory Vocabulary
- Nonsense Word Fluency
- Oral Reading Fluency

Rapid Automatized Naming Shaywitz Dyslexia Screener

Assessment Overview - Grade 2

Early Literacy & Reading

- Oral Reading Fluency
- Reading Comprehension
- Vocabulary

Rapid Automatized Naming Shaywitz Dyslexia Screener

Professional Learning Communities

Focus on AIMSWeb Plus

- Monthly
- Evaluate Data
- Set goals
- Implement strategies
- Progress monitor (as needed)
- Re-evaluate Data

Dyslexia & Special Education

- General education provides evidence-based literacy instruction as well as academic, behavioral and social emotional learning supports to all students.

- General education also provides early and responsive support through MTSS tiered interventions.

- Many students who have dyslexia can and should make effective progress with general education supports.

- Students who need special education services to make effective progress in the general education program, timely and appropriate special education evaluation and eligibility determination is key.

Dyslexia & Special Education

Referral - 3 ways

- Child Find
- Referral through Early Intervention
- Referral by educational personnel and/or parents/guardians

Considerations for Assessments

- Reading & Writing Achievement
- accuracy & automaticity
- oral language

IEP Goal Development – The “Big 5”

- phonemic awareness
- phonics
- fluency
- vocabulary
- comprehension
- Accommodations & Modifications

Dyslexia & Special Education Evaluation Tools

- Test of Word Reading Efficiency- 2nd Edition (TOWRE-2)
- Wechsler Individual Achievement Test - 4th Edition (WIAT-4)
- Woodcock-Johnson IV - (WJ IV)
- Comprehensive Test of Phonological Processing - 2nd Edition (CTOPP-2)
- Test of Reading Comprehension - 4th Edition (TORC 4)
- Gray Oral Reading Test - 5th Edition (GORT 5)
- Feifer Assessment of Reading (FAR)

Brad Austin – SEPAC had asked for this presentation. This was very informative, and I am looking forward to seeing if you catch children with dyslexia that we otherwise wouldn't have caught. When do the teachers have time to look at this data? Is that happening on PD days?

Michelle Kane – We have taken time during our staff meetings. A lot of times we discuss these students at “Students Success Team Meetings”, but this is a targeted way to look at intervention for students. We can look at a whole grade instead of individual students. We can be looking at universal targeted interventions.

Lyn Snow – This is the cool part about this. This is a screener, and we can look at all of our students. This screener gives us “the why” – why students are struggling in reading.

- 4. Survey Results - Mask Flexibility:** Director of Teaching and Learning, Elizabeth Steele shared the results of the Mask Flexibility Survey.

General Information

- November 3 - November 15
- Students, Staff, Families
- 7 questions
- 938 responses

Question 1: Indicate your role.

74.4% Family

15.7% Staff

9.9% Student

Question 2: Which school are you affiliated with?

Shaker Lane 31.4%

Russell Street 30.7%

Middle School 26.7%

High School 30%

Question 3: Have you consented to being part of the district's COVID-19 Testing program

Yes 76%

No 24%

Question 4: If no to question 3, please share why.

- Already vaccinated
- Already had COVID-19
- Child is adjusting to school right now, do not want them adjusting to testing too
- Do not see the benefit
- Time constraints
- Does not want to miss lunch time
- Do not want to put child through weekly testing
- Disagreement amongst family members
- Do not like the idea of testing at school
- Preference to test individually
- Preference to have test done by PCP
- Negative experience previously with pooled testing
- Anxiety producing
- Desire to see number of people participating in pooled testing weekly
- Privacy Concerns
- Not worth participating if masks are required
- Forgot to sign up
- Not considered signing up till now
- Negative association with school

Question 5: What potential data points would you like the district to consider after a school reaches an 80% vaccination rate before becoming mask flexible?

- Transmission rates 52.2%
- Covid-19 case rates 59.4%
- Number of positive Covid-19 cases 65.5%
- School-based clusters 43.3%
- In-school transmission 67.3%
- MA Covid-19 Dashboard 31.7%
- N/A 5.4%

Question 6: If your school reaches a total vaccination rate between students and staff of at least 80% would you like the option for individuals to their mask off

- YES 51.4%
- NO 32.7%
- I am undecided at this point 15.9%

Question 7: Please share any additional comments

- COVID-19 is still spreading, people are still getting sick, masks should be worn by all
- Due to breakthrough cases, masks for everyone
- Masks for whole 2021-2022 school year
- Vulnerable family members, keep masks
- Masks off as soon as possible
- Masks will help with cold and flu season
- Concern about pressure to wear mask or not
- Concern of enforcing a mask flexible option
- Vaccinated individuals should not need to mask
- Choice to not wear a mask regardless of vaccination status
- Safety first before convenience of unmasking
- Close contact quarantine is avoided with masks
- Stop forcing kids to wear masks

- Give the option to the students
- Mask optional for vaccinated individuals or if parents want child unmasked
- Tired of wearing mask at school when do not need to wear in other places
- Hard to hear and understand with masks on
- Giving the option will create controversy and more communication problems
- Unvaccinated individuals will unmask
- With vaccines available, take off masks
- Question the benefit of wearing mask during school day, when students are unmasked together after school
- Clear end goal for masks is needed
- Choose option that is least disruptive to learning
- What precautions will exist for those immunocompromised?
- Concerns about enforcing mask flexibility option
- Keeping track of who can/cannot unmask would be difficult and whose responsibility
- Should not be considered till after the holidays and after students aged 5-11 are fully vaccinated
- Consider the emotional burden on students
- If mask flexibility happens, given enough time to allow individuals to become vaccinated if they choose
- Mask flexibility if clear thresholds are in place
- When would masks go back on if needed?
- Consider this in the spring, not the winter

Justin McCarthy – Thanked everyone who participated in the survey. I do not feel the response rate was enough. We did not hear from enough students.

Jen Gold – I think the students should have been reminded to check their email about this survey.

Brad Austin – I do feel 983 responses was good.

Matt Hunt – I am not sure how we can get more students to participate in a survey that is voluntary.

Kelly Clenchy – We must hold people accountable to the survey. If you really wanted to participate you had the opportunity.

Brad Austin – There is definitely something to learn from the responses.

Justin McCarthy – It seems from the responses that people are against testing for all the wrong reasons.

NEW BUSINESS

1. State/Local/Public Health Metrics: Katrina Wilcox Hagberg provided a presentation on the State/Local/Public Health Metrics. Her data presented was through November 17, 2021. Test positivity rate is now at 2.99% in Littleton. Littleton's rate is 24.2 per 100K. Littleton had 33 new cases in the last two weeks.

76.9% of all Littleton residents are fully vaccinated at this point. 62 cases have been reported within the school district in the last six weeks.

Jen Gold – Could we get any metrics data on percentage of case severity?

Katrina Wilcox Hagberg – This is community risk. The Department of Public Health looks into the community as a whole, not at individual cases. They are looking at the community risk.

Lyn Snow – Our clinical team looks at individual cases, but we cannot share that information. But we are catching cases in our pool testing and able to stop them from spreading further.

Kelly Clenchy – One source of communication we are lacking. We do not have data on what the long-term effect is if you have had covid. But our safety check program is working well this year, but it is being put to the test. The pool testing program is a game changer when we can rapid test an individual right away.

Justin McCarthy – Vaccination is doing an excellent job. But is it doing a really good job of preventing a person from getting Covid?

Katrina Wilcox Hagberg – Vaccinated people will spread Covid far less than unvaccinated. But anyone can get infected. But a vaccinated person is contagious with the virus for a shorter time than an unvaccinated person.

2. **Video on Covid Safety Check:** PPS Director, Lyn Snow, introduced and showed a video by the Broad Institute.

3. **Update: Potential Data Points to Consider After a School Reaches an 80% Vaccination Rate:**

Superintendent, Dr. Kelly Clenchy, provided an update on the potential data points to consider after a school reaches an 80% vaccination rate.

Potential Data Points to consider after a school reaches an 80% Vaccination rate

- Transmission rates
- Covid-19 Case rates
- Safety-Check Participation rates
- Number of positive Covid-19 cases in a school over a four-week period
- School-based clusters
- In-school transmission
- MA Covid-19 Dashboard

Update on Safety Check Program: Superintendent, Dr. Kelly Clenchy gave an update on the Safety Check Program.

The pool testing continues to go well. As of Nov. 16, 2021, participation rate (student and staff combined) is as follows:

SL 67.5%

RSS 74.6%

LM 58.3%

LHS 57.6%

District overall 64.36%

Jen Gold – Could one reason be why the Middle School does not have any cases at the moment because they have a lower participation rate in the pool testing than the other schools?

Kelly Clenchy – Yes, that could be a possibility. But we haven't had that many asymptomatic cases in our pool testing.

Lyn Snow – We need to verify that students who have consented to the testing program, that they actually are getting their test done.

Brad Austin – Would we be able to use the high school flex block time instead of the lunch time?

Kelly Clenchy – I have had conversation with Dr. Harrington on this program, and we are monitoring the participation. We can easily remind our students on a Monday that it is testing day. But I can verify that most cases we have come across have not been in school spread.

Justin McCarthy – So let me repeat – we are catching the positive cases in school and stopping it from spreading. The pool testing program is working really well. The school is helping the community, not hurting the community. When looking at the positive numbers over the last 6 weeks at the high school, the numbers are low. We are able to stop the spread with the pool testing. Let's give the students an incentive to get tested. Add snacks next to the cart etc.

SCHOOL	June 2021	October 2021	November 2021
Shaker Lane School	47%	50%	67%
Russell Street School	66%	64%	74%
Littleton Middle School	56%	56%	58%
Littleton High School	46%	45%	57%
DISTRICT	53%	53%	64%

4. Update - High School Vaccination Rates: Superintendent, Dr. Kelly Clenchy and PPS Director Lyn Snow gave an update on the High School vaccination rates to date. As of November 18, 2021, the High School vaccination rate has proof from 59 faculty. From students we have proof from 285 and 376 students were verified through MIIS. Student and staff combined is at **82.6%** at this point.

Timalyn Rassias – Was it a lot of work to identify the 376 students through the MIIS database?

Lyn Snow – It wasn't as bad as we first feared. We were able to upload a csv file into the database and verify the students instead of having to type the individual names, DOB etc.

Brad Austin – Is it possible the number could be higher if more staff members, who are vaccinated but haven't provided a copy of their vaccination card?

Justin McCarthy – Happy to hear it was not as time consuming as first anticipated.

On a motion by Timalyn Rassias and seconded by Jen Gold it was voted to apply for the DESE waiver for the High School mask flexibility. Roll Call Vote: Matthew Hunt, AYE; Brad Austin, AYE; Justin McCarthy, AYE; Timalyn Rassias, AYE; and Jen Gold, AYE.

On a motion by Justin McCarthy and seconded by Jen Gold it was voted to apply for a mask exemption from the Littleton Board of Health. The purpose of the exemption would be to conduct a trial period of optional masking only for individuals who have submitted proof of full vaccination status at the high school. The trial will run December 6th through December 23, 2021. At the conclusion of the trial, masks will again be required for all individuals upon the return from winter break (January 3rd, 2022) until the school committee has a chance to review the results of the trial which will take place at a special meeting on Wednesday, January 5th, 2022.

Roll Call Vote: Matthew Hunt, AYE; Brad Austin, NO; Justin McCarthy, AYE; Timalyn Rassias, AYE; and Jen Gold, AYE.

Brad Austin – I would prefer to have this trial period after the Holiday.

Justin McCarthy – I am tired of waiting. I think we are ready to try and move forward.

Matt Hunt – You both raised valid points. See what happens in that 3-week period

Kelly Clenchy – I do not think the Board of Health will sign off without some data points.

INTERESTED CITIZENS

Diane Werling – I'm thankful for the pool testing.

Matthew Ridge – I have a concern. People can still spread the virus even if they are vaccinated. We are going to put our system in the hands of someone else. The chance of spreading is not at the school but at home. We need to give the people a choice. Don't make it a punishment. If people want to wear masks, let them. If they don't – don't.

Brad Austin – DESE still mandates that unvaccinated people must wear a mask in the schools.

Mike Zeldin – Please consider the actual amount of the participants in your pool testing. No one has ever indicated that the school is a source of spreading. Take the time and think about what you want to do and how you want to do it.

Solomon Marini – If students do not have to wear masks, how many would need to be quarantined with close contact?

Lyn Snow – If a student is vaccinated, and is considered close contact, there is no requirement for a student to quarantine if they are both fully vaccinated.

Laura Beltrami – If a student is vaccinated but does not wear a mask, then a student would have to quarantine when in class close contact?

John Harrington – We would need clarification on what a close contact would mean if students were unmasked?

Greg Tesz – Have we checked with the high school to see if they have enough time to implement this? Pushing it out to after the holiday doesn't seem that long. You are pushing this out at the worst time of the year. We haven't had much school spread because everyone is wearing a mask.

Lyn Snow – If you are asymptomatic and fully vaccinated you are not considered in close contact with or without wearing a mask.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. PMBC: None

2. Budget Subcommittee: We had a sub-committee budget meeting last week. Joint meeting next week with FinCom.

3. Safety and Security: None

4. Reading of Policy: None

5. SEPAC: We were happy to see the Dyslexia presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Jen Gold and seconded by Brad Austin it was voted to adjourn at 10:14PM. Roll Call Vote: Matthew Hunt, AYE; Brad Austin, AYE; Justin McCarthy, AYE; Timalyn Rassias, AYE; and Jen Gold, AYE.

NEXT MEETING DATE

December 2, 2021

7:00PM

ZOOM

DOCUMENTS AS PART OF MEETING

John and Abigail Adams Scholarship

The Mighty Oak Fund

Athletics Update

AP Testing Update

Dyslexia and Early Literacy Screening

Mask Flexibility Survey results

528 Covid Health update
529 Vaccination and pool testing rates



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November 29, 2021

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Re: 80 Percent Vaccination Rate Threshold Approval Request for Littleton High School

Dear Superintendent Clenchy:

I am writing in response to your request seeking approval to lift the mask requirement for vaccinated individuals in Littleton High School per the guidelines set out in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Policy on Vaccination Threshold Rate dated September 27, 2021 (Department's Policy). Specifically, in the attestation form you submitted on November 19, 2021, you confirmed that this school has met the 80 percent threshold rate as set out in the Department's Policy.

Based on the information you provided, Littleton High School's request has been approved. Vaccinated individuals in this school are not currently subject to the Department's mask requirement, although they may certainly choose to continue to wear a mask while in school. Please note that in alignment with statewide guidance, unvaccinated students and staff are still required to continue wearing masks. Please note further that the Department reserves the right, following consultation with medical experts and state health officials, to re-institute the Department's mask mandate at Littleton High School, if it becomes appropriate based on state and local public health data.

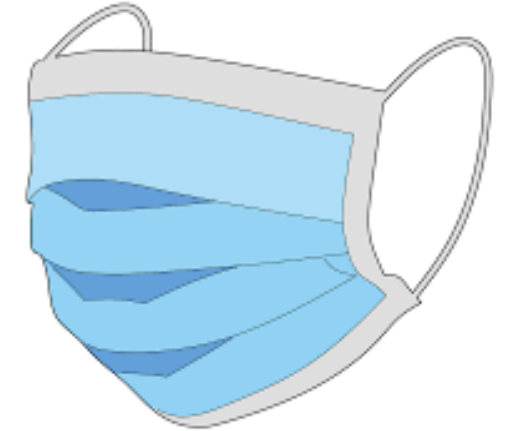
Thank you for your continued work on behalf of students in the Commonwealth. Please contact Rob Curtin at robert.c.curtin@mass.gov if you have any questions regarding this response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. C. Riley", written in a cursive style.

Jeffrey C. Riley
Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education

Conditions for Trial Mask Exemption



- Mask exemption will be for a three-week trial period
- Proof of vaccination required
- Parental consent required
- 100% Active pooled testing participation for those that choose mask flexibility - participants identified with a wrist band as visible identification post weekly testing prior to removing mask.
- Mandatory Active pooled testing participation for those that choose to participate in all optional extracurricular activities
- All students and staff choosing mask flexibility shall be tested prior to the start of the three-week trial period to establish a baseline of case count
- Should the weekly case count double for two consecutive weeks, masks will again be required
- The Littleton Board of Health may at any time rescind the exemption should it determine there is substantial public health risk.
- All other mitigation measures remain in operation

Littleton Public Schools

Cost Centers Description

Reconfigured and adopted February 2013

1. Regular Education:

All costs associated with regular education programming

2. Special Education:

All costs associated with Special education (does not include transportation)

3. Student and Staff Support:

Guidance

Technology

Nursing

Curriculum improvement and instruction

Food service

4. Other Instruction:

Co-curricular activities, extra-curricular activities, athletics, student activities, etc.

5. System Administration:

Superintendent Office

Business Office

Curriculum Director

SPED & PPS Director

District wide technology costs,

Legal costs

6. School Administration:

Costs related to specific school based administration, Principals, office support.

7. Transportation:

All costs associated with transportation, including SPED transportation costs

8. Facilities and Maintenance:

Operational Costs. utilities, maintenance, custodial, repairs, contracted services etc.



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	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENC/REQ	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
310 Regular Education	8,869,525	0	8,869,525	1,472,769.90	30,893.01	7,365,862.09	17.0%
311 Special Education	6,409,385	0	6,409,385	696,165.27	1,374.78	5,711,844.95	10.9%
312 Student & Support Staff	1,337,946	0	1,337,946	461,265.40	75,432.54	801,248.06	40.1%
313 Other Instruction	295,425	0	295,425	37,933.78	494.15	256,997.07	13.0%
314 System Administration	1,510,086	0	1,510,086	439,402.03	14,349.81	1,056,334.16	30.0%
315 School Administration	1,207,305	0	1,207,305	358,656.28	129.99	848,518.73	29.7%
316 Transportation and Busing	1,250,260	0	1,250,260	286,722.46	.00	963,537.54	22.9%
317 Facility & Maintenance	1,710,068	0	1,710,068	500,488.43	60,636.82	1,148,942.75	32.8%
GRAND TOTAL	22,590,000	0	22,590,000	4,253,403.55	183,311.10	18,153,285.35	19.6%

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	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENC/REQ	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
311 Special Education							
2110 Curriculum Directors	29,760	0	29,760	2,280.57	590.00	26,889.43	9.6%
2305 Classroom Teachers	1,819,061	0	1,819,061	357,626.50	.00	1,461,434.50	19.7%
2320 Medical/Therapeutic Services	680,484	0	680,484	95,264.22	.00	585,219.78	14.0%
2330 Non-Clerical PP/TA	723,726	0	723,726	154,519.70	.00	569,206.30	21.4%
2410 Textbooks & Others	500	0	500	49.57	193.78	256.65	48.7%
2420 Instructional Equipment	3,600	0	3,600	114.99	.00	3,485.01	3.2%
2440 Other Instructional Services	52,000	0	52,000	5,235.60	591.00	46,173.40	11.2%
2800 Psychological Services	586,670	0	586,670	81,074.12	.00	505,595.88	13.8%
9300 Tuition Private	1,853,381	0	1,853,381	.00	.00	1,853,381.00	.0%
9400 Tuition to Collaboratives	660,203	0	660,203	.00	.00	660,203.00	.0%
GRAND TOTAL	6,409,385	0	6,409,385	696,165.27	1,374.78	5,711,844.95	10.9%

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FY 2022 Appropriated Special Education and Pupil Services Budget

