

GLEN ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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August 6, 2021

Re: Open Public Records Act Request

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this correspondence in response to the Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") request you submitted to the Glen Rock Board of Education ("the Board"). As the official Records Custodian for the Board, I received your request on July 28, 2021. The seven-business-day deadline for the Board's response will expire on Friday, August 6.

You requested the following:

Emails to Dr. Charleston that contain the word mask and are from members of the public (aka not internal emails). Timeframe for the emails 7-15-2021 to today (whatever day the info is pulled).

Please be advised that your request is GRANTED. Included with this letter are all responsive records. They are redacted in 15 instances where the personal, non-commercial email addresses of non-Board employees appear. See Brennan v. Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, 233 N.J. 330 (2018) (recognizing OPRA's directive for "agencies to safeguard a citizen's personal information . . . when disclosure . . . would violate the citizen's reasonable expectation of privacy").

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within the seven business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the Board's decision to deny access. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint with the Government Records Council ("GRC") by completing the Denial of Access Complaint Form. You may contact the GRC by toll-free telephone at (866)-850-0511, by mail at P.O. Box 819, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, by email at grc@dca.state.nj.us, or at their website at www.state.nj.us/grc. The GRC can also answer other questions about the law. All questions regarding complaints filed in Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your county.

If you should have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Michael Rinderknecht

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School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Santos, Rich

From: Simeon Berman <drsimeon@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 3:17 PM
To: Charleston, Brett
Subject: IMPORTANT - A way to Protect our students and teachers and staff

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Dr. Brett Charleston
Superintendent
Glen Rock Public School District

July 15, 2021

Dear Dr. Charleston

I hope you enjoyed the wonderful NJ Spring, and you will enjoy relaxing this summer.

I realize you've had to navigate many difficult and stressful challenges in the last year, so I'm writing with news that I believe will not only be of great value to your school system – it will eliminate one of your most significant stressors.

As a medical professional, I've invested a great deal of time into finding practical ways to reduce and minimize the Covid-19 risk to all returning students this fall.

I know that you all have been dealing with these risks for quite a while now. With the ongoing uncertainties around mask-wearing, and the limited number of children who can be vaccinated, the challenges of getting them safely back into schools by the fall are still a genuine and growing concern.

Fortunately, I have some encouraging suggestions.

First, the problems that we face:

- Children under 12 can't be vaccinated yet.
- Fewer people are getting vaccinated
- Mask wearing has quickly become optional everywhere
- Worrisome Covid-19 variants (specifically the Delta and Gamma) are continuing to pop up

And, what to do about it?

The risk to our young people is not as low as it should be. There seems to be an ever-increasing number of Covid-19 variants emerging weekly. The risks to all, especially the children, teachers, and the school staff, can significantly impact the local communities and, most importantly, their very concerned parents. These issues all become significant. As fewer people are getting vaccinated and people are sick and tired of mask-wearing, which is becoming optional, these issues require better solutions.

I have discovered one solution that I like a lot. It is a new technology from Vollara Inc. It's a small, non-intrusive machine – about the size of a toaster- called the "Air and Surface Pro." This fantastic device utilizes an aerosolized version of hydrogen peroxide and has been shown to help mitigate and, in fact, significantly reduce the risk of Covid-19 exposure for EVERYONE.

As such, I have partnered with the folks at the GMAS Group, with whom we have developed easily implementable solutions from a buildings and technology perspective. This is a technology that I believe can give everyone, especially the parents and teachers, real confidence that they and the kids can ALL return to a very safe and healthy school.

By putting one Air and Surface Pro unit per classroom, you as a local school official will be able to affect a significant reduction in the number of SARS / Covid-19 viruses in both the air and on surfaces in each classroom. Cumulatively through your efforts, you will offer your students, teachers, staff, and parents the very beneficial effect of sanitizing the air throughout the school.

The Air and Surface Pro unit is FDA compliant and, in testing, has shown that it eliminates SARS / CoV-2 in the air by 99.96% in 3 minutes.

By utilizing this non-Ozone sanitizing method that both NASA and others in the scientific community have used quite effectively for some time now, everyone can feel much safer having our kids go back into the schools in the fall.

It is extremely easy to manage plug-and-play technology that can be utilized in every classroom and common area. It requires only a minimal level of service and a simple maintenance schedule that employs long-life technology with an occasional (2 years) filter replacement.

I would also like to note that a large urban NJ school district and the Philadelphia, PA. school district, amongst several other urban and suburban districts throughout the country, have already outfitted their classrooms with the Vollara "Air and Surface Pro®".

And finally, the former top White House coronavirus adviser and long-time CDC director has recently joined the Vollara team as an advisor in helping formulate strategy. Her input will help get this incredible technology into more and more schools and classrooms by the next school year.

I believe that there is no better way to make use of the funds already allocated by the US Congress in the form of the CARES Act (HR 748). This act was specifically designed for this purpose, to get our kids back into schools SAFELY and very soon.

And to be direct, I believe that outfitting your school district with this technology will benefit everyone.

I hope that I can interest you in a short phone discussion to reiterate the importance of this technology and give you some insight into the overall peace of mind that this new technology can bring to EVERYONE in your school district.

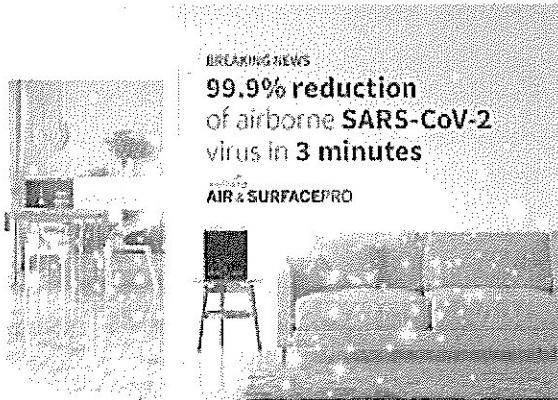
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I am looking forward to hearing from you and exploring how we can help make your schools safer.
Sincerely,

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Santos, Rich

From: Simeon Berman <drsimeon@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, July 23, 2021 3:10 PM
To: Rinderknecht, Michael; Charleston, Brett
Subject: IMPORTANT! - A fantastic way for your education team to PROTECT our students, teachers and staff!

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(Delta Variant Article Link - 5 Things To Know About the Delta Variant)

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(We have a solution PLEASE Contact us.)

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Santos, Rich

From: Sam and Tim Neretich [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2021 8:28 PM
To: Charleston, Brett
Subject: Back to school

Hi Dr. Charleston,

I hope you're having a good summer. We are looking forward to the new school year. I know that as of now governor Murphy has left it up to the districts regarding mask guidance for our children. I just wanted to say that I hope and pray that our district leaves it up to the parents choice and doesn't mandate masks. Sitting in a wet Germ filled mask after hours in school will be awful. I also as silly as it sounds thank about mentally what it's doing to our children. I know, in the end you'll do what's best and what's necessary and I'm also aware that your hands are tied at times... Just figured every parent input might help.

Thanks again for your time.

Kind Regards,

Samantha Neretich
Byrd School

Sent from my iPhone

Santos, Rich

From: Paloma Sotomayor [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2021 11:01 PM
To: Glen Rock BOE; Charleston, Brett; tgilbreath@glenrocknj.net
Subject: Respectfully Request Parents Choice for School Mask Policy this Fall

Good evening, BOE, Dr. Charleston and Councilwoman Gilbreath - I hope this email finds you all well.

In late-June, Governor Murphy indicated that masks will not be mandatory in NJ schools this September unless districts want them. Governor Murphy is allowing districts to determine whether students have to wear masks indoors beginning in September. Such statements also appear in the state's document entitled "The Road Forward" published June 29, 2021 at <https://www.nj.gov/education/roadforward/docs/HealthAndSafetyGuidanceSY2122.pdf>.

I am respectfully requesting that this decision is left to the parents. I understand and respect all views on this matter. My only request is that this district allows parents to make their own decision when it comes to their children.

I believe we can reach a compromise to allow flexibility to make all parents and staff comfortable. There are many ways other school districts have updated their mask policy to allow students to be educated without their mouth and nose being covered for 6+ hours a day.

I am also not in favor of policies or orders isolating and segregating schoolchildren from each other and from teachers and staff purportedly to prevent Covid transmission.

Here are just a few examples the burden mask-wearing is causing our children:

1. Mandatory wearing of masks by schoolchildren burdens and impairs protected speech rights, inhibiting and preventing communication between students, and between students, teachers and aides.
2. Mandatory mask wearing prevents the perception and exchange of non-verbal forms of communication vital and material to the exchange of ideas, thoughts and emotions.
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4. Covering the face by masking prevents non-verbal exchanges of information and signaling through facial cues and gestures of emotion, humor, approval and disapproval, joy, anger or despair, encouragement or discouragement of friendship and other non-verbal forms of communication.

I implore everyone involved in this decision to think of the young children and not political agendas or any promises or favors made to "special" interests groups. This should NOT be political.

I support the BOE decision to allow mask wearing to be decided by each individual family and not mandated.

Thank you,

Santos, Rich

From: Sam and Tim Neretich [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 10:50 AM
To: Charleston, Brett
Subject: Re: Back to school

Thank you for the quick response. No matter what, you won't be able to please everyone. I trust that whatever decision you and the board make will be the best one given the circumstances. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 27, 2021, at 10:39 AM, Brett Charleston <charlestonb@glenrocknj.org> wrote:

Good morning,

Thank you for your email and sharing your thoughts on masks. We are currently working with our school doctor, Glen Rock Board of Health and Glen Rock OEM on this very issue. I plan to update the community on our progress and decision in mid August.

I hope that you and your family are doing well and enjoying this summer.

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Brett

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Santos, Rich

From: Kellie Reilly [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 9:30 PM
To: Charleston, Brett
Subject: September Mask Mandate

Hello Dr. Charleston-

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Kellie St. Laurent
Co-President, Byrd School

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Paloma Sotomayor [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 11:04 PM
To: Charleston, Brett
Cc: Glen Rock BOE; tgilbreath@glenrocknj.net
Subject: Re: Respectfully Request Parents Choice for School Mask Policy this Fall

Thank you so much for your response. I attended the Board of Health meeting today. Several speakers from the public asked about community feedback related to masks mandates in the Fall. Are there any plans to release a parent survey to obtain data on how families feel about masking their children for a longer period of time? We also need to keep into consideration before-care and after-care students that will be required to mask for longer periods of time.

As of now, two neighboring towns have released their mask optional policies - Fairlawn and Wycoff.

Lastly, if mask mandates are put in place, will the BOE release guidance on submitting a request for a mask exemption in time for families to produce these medical letters? Will such requests be adjudicated prior to the first day of school?

Thank you again,

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From: Kellie Reilly [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 1:28 PM
To: Charleston, Brett
Subject: Re: September Mask Mandate

Brett-

My guess is that you are getting inundated because the "Masks are Child Abuse" petition is starting to circle the town again (and there are lawn signs too). I think it gets people fired up on both sides of the fence. After listening to some of the call last evening, it's a reminder that it is important to share one's viewpoint (in a respectful manner) when big decisions are being made.

Again, thank you for your thoughtful response and consideration. As I said to Jodie on many occasions, I do not envy your position over the last 18 months. I can't imagine the amount of pressure the administration has been under. It is not easy to carry the weight of an entire school district on your shoulders. You will never make everyone happy. I can imagine that there are not enough Tums or vacations in the world, at this point!

I'm keeping my fingers crossed that vaccinations open up for the under 12 set soon. It will definitely give us more peace of mind as we continue to navigate this, well, sh*t show. Pardon my French!

Wishing you an August full of more nice emails than nasty 😊

Kellie

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 28, 2021, at 10:48 AM, Brett Charleston <charlestonb@glenrocknj.org> wrote:

Good morning,

Please call me Brett. I hope all is well with you and your family. Things were quiet until last week when we started getting inundated with emails and phone calls regarding masks. Looks like it won't be a quiet August as we hoped! We are reviewing CDC guidance and working with the school doctor, Glen Rock Board of Health and OEM regarding whether or not to require masks for vaccinated and/or unvaccinated students and staff. We'll make a decision towards the end of August as we anticipate and hope to receive additional guidance from the NJDOH and NJDOE.

I do thank you for your kind words. I know that I made many missteps last year but my decisions were always based on what I believed was best for kids. Enjoy the rest of the summer and feel free to reach out anytime should you have any questions.

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Santos, Rich

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2021 11:30 AM
To: Charleston, Brett
Cc: Glen Rock BOE; Superintendent
Subject: Re: August 23rd meeting

Hi Brett,

Thank you for your prompt response. I appreciate it. Based on what you said and what responses other parents have received, the school board will not be listening to parents concerns and will go off the guidance they deem appropriate. Unfortunately as the school is a public entity funded by the taxpayers they do not withhold the right to force mandates without the public's consent. Given the laws of this country it is the parents right to decide what is best for their child. Not the school, not the government and especially not the CDC.

Which, I will state again, has zero authority or jurisdiction over American citizens.

Thus the BOE has a moral, ethical and legal responsibility to listen to the concerns of the parents and come to a mutually agreeable outcome. The BOE does not withhold the right to state if you do not comply with our mandates then your child may not attend school. Once again as you are a public school system you must adhere to the laws. In certain instances the school system has say over the parents. When it comes to the individual health of the children the parents rights trump all others.

In regard to attendance requirements for your meetings I will provide you a link to the Sunshine law. You cannot restrict our attendance and cannot block us from a public forum. The BOE also cannot try to make this a private meeting because the outcome of the meeting affects the public.

<https://hiv.rutgers.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Sunshine-Laws.pdf>

I understand you are only doing your job and following the protocol that was set. I too long for the day when masks and the rest of these issues are no longer a discussion. Having said that I can assure you we will not be passed off and will not simply oblige because we are asked to.

So we have two choices ahead of us. The BOE can make it clear that all parents are welcome to the meetings with no restriction and that the discussion of masks will be covered. Or we the parents can take other avenues to ensure our voice is heard.

Thank you,
Frank

-----Original Message-----

From: Brett Charleston <charlestonb@glenrocknj.org>

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: glenrockboe@glenrocknj.org <glenrockboe@glenrocknj.org>; superintendent@glenrocknj.org <superintendent@glenrocknj.org>

Sent: Wed, Jul 28, 2021 2:31 pm

Subject: Re: August 23rd meeting

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your email and sharing your thoughts and concerns. We are evaluating CDC guidance and are working with the school doctor, Board of Health and OEM. We'll inform the community once a decision has been made regarding

wearing masks. We will also provide an updated Return to School for this school year in the near future. I'm also sending out a communication update to the parents this week as to our progress and decisions that have already been made with respect to opening school this year.

We post the agenda for Board meetings the Friday before the meeting. The posting will detail attendance requirements and procedures that are in effect at that time.

Again, no decision will be made regarding masks until we get closer to the end of August as we anticipate receiving additional guidance and data. I appreciate your patience and understanding and eagerly look forward to the day when masks are no longer part of the discussion.

Best,

Brett

On Wed, Jul 28, 2021 at 12:48 PM [REDACTED] via glenrockboe <glenrockboe@glenrocknj.org> wrote:

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Frank Triolo. I am looking to attend the BOE meeting on 8/23. I have checked the BOE site and am checking to see if the minimum number of attendees is still in effect. As Murphy has dropped indoor capacity restrictions I am hopeful that any resident with children in the school system may attend. If the BOE is still holding a level of restrictions then I would like to remind you of the New Jersey Sunshine law. This law states quite clearly that the BOE does not withhold the right to reject anyone attending a public meeting.

In addition I speak for myself and many other parents in regard to the upcoming school year and the children wearing masks. It is the parents undeniable right to decide what is in the best interest for their child in regard to their health. It is not within the school boards power, the governors power nor the CDC's power to make these decisions for our children. Taking it one step further it is also not in the federal governments jurisdiction to decide what is best for our health. In fact the CDC holds zero jurisdiction over the citizens of the USA and can only make recommendations. Their power goes no further than to recommend.

Mandates are not laws. The liberties and freedoms granted us by our constitution supersede any and all mandates. As there has been no hard science ever offered to show the efficacy of mask wearing, we the parents reserve the right to choose for our children. If some parents wish to have their children in masks that is their right. If teachers wish to wear or not wear masks that is their right. Having said that it is our undeniable right to also choose if our children wear masks or not. Once again I will state that I speak for myself and many other parents who do not wish to impede on others rights but we will not tolerate anyone impeding on ours.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts and your prompt response.

Sincerely,
Frank Triolo

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Subject: Re: August 23rd meeting

Hi Brett,

Thank you for your prompt response. I appreciate it. Based on what you said and what responses other parents have received, the school board will not be listening to parents concerns and will go off the guidance they deem appropriate. Unfortunately as the school is a public entity funded by the taxpayers they do not withhold the right to force mandates without the public's consent. Given the laws of this country it is the parents right to decide what is best for their child. Not the school, not the government and especially not the CDC.

Which, I will state again, has zero authority or jurisdiction over American citizens.

Thus the BOE has a moral, ethical and legal responsibility to listen to the concerns of the parents and come to a mutually agreeable outcome. The BOE does not withhold the right to state if you do not comply with our mandates then your child may not attend school. Once again as you are a public school system you must adhere to the laws. In certain instances the school system has say over the parents. When it comes to the individual health of the children the parents rights trump all others.

In regard to attendance requirements for your meetings I will provide you a link to the Sunshine law. You cannot restrict our attendance and cannot block us from a public forum. The BOE also cannot try to make this a private meeting because the outcome of the meeting affects the public.

<https://hiv.rutgers.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Sunshine-Laws.pdf>

I understand you are only doing your job and following the protocol that was set. I too long for the day when masks and the rest of these issues are no longer a discussion. Having said that I can assure you we will not be passed off and will not simply oblige because we are asked to.

So we have two choices ahead of us. The BOE can make it clear that all parents are welcome to the meetings with no restriction and that the discussion of masks will be covered. Or we the parents can take other avenues to ensure our voice is heard.

Thank you,
Frank

-----Original Message-----

From: Brett Charleston <charlestonb@glenrocknj.org>
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: glenrockboe@glenrocknj.org <glenrockboe@glenrocknj.org>; superintendent@glenrocknj.org <superintendent@glenrocknj.org>
Sent: Wed, Jul 28, 2021 2:31 pm
Subject: Re: August 23rd meeting

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your email and sharing your thoughts and concerns. We are evaluating CDC guidance and are working with the school doctor, Board of Health and OEM. We'll inform the community once a decision has been made regarding

wearing masks. We will also provide an updated Return to School for this school year in the near future. I'm also sending out a communication update to the parents this week as to our progress and decisions that have already been made with respect to opening school this year.

We post the agenda for Board meetings the Friday before the meeting. The posting will detail attendance requirements and procedures that are in effect at that time.

Again, no decision will be made regarding masks until we get closer to the end of August as we anticipate receiving additional guidance and data. I appreciate your patience and understanding and eagerly look forward to the day when masks are no longer part of the discussion.

Best,

Brett

On Wed, Jul 28, 2021 at 12:48 PM [REDACTED] via glenrockboe <glenrockboe@glenrocknj.org> wrote:
To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Frank Triolo. I am looking to attend the BOE meeting on 8/23. I have checked the BOE site and am checking to see if the minimum number of attendees is still in effect. As Murphy has dropped indoor capacity restrictions I am hopeful that any resident with children in the school system may attend. If the BOE is still holding a level of restrictions then I would like to remind you of the New Jersey Sunshine law. This law states quite clearly that the BOE does not withhold the right to reject anyone attending a public meeting.

In addition I speak for myself and many other parents in regard to the upcoming school year and the children wearing masks. It is the parents undeniable right to decide what is in the best interest for their child in regard to their health. It is not within the school boards power, the governors power nor the CDC's power to make these decisions for our children. Taking it one step further it is also not in the federal governments jurisdiction to decide what is best for our health. In fact the CDC holds zero jurisdiction over the citizens of the USA and can only make recommendations. Their power goes no further than to recommend.

Mandates are not laws. The liberties and freedoms granted us by our constitution supersede any and all mandates. As there has been no hard science ever offered to show the efficacy of mask wearing, we the parents reserve the right to choose for our children. If some parents wish to have their children in masks that is their right. If teachers wish to wear or not wear masks that is their right. Having said that it is our undeniable right to also choose if our children wear masks or not. Once again I will state that I speak for myself and many other parents who do not wish to impede on others rights but we will not tolerate anyone impeding on ours.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts and your prompt response.

Sincerely,
Frank Triolo

Santos, Rich

From: Thomas Johnson <thomas@thenycgroup.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 9:20 AM
To: Charleston, Brett
Subject: masks for upcoming school year

Hi Brett,

I hope you are enjoying your summer vacation!

After seeing the news in regards to masks being recommended, I wanted to check in and see if you needed any help sourcing? We have a few suppliers that can sell them as low as .05/per mask and the prices will be rising over the next few months.

Happy to help in anyway I can!

Have a great week,
Thomas

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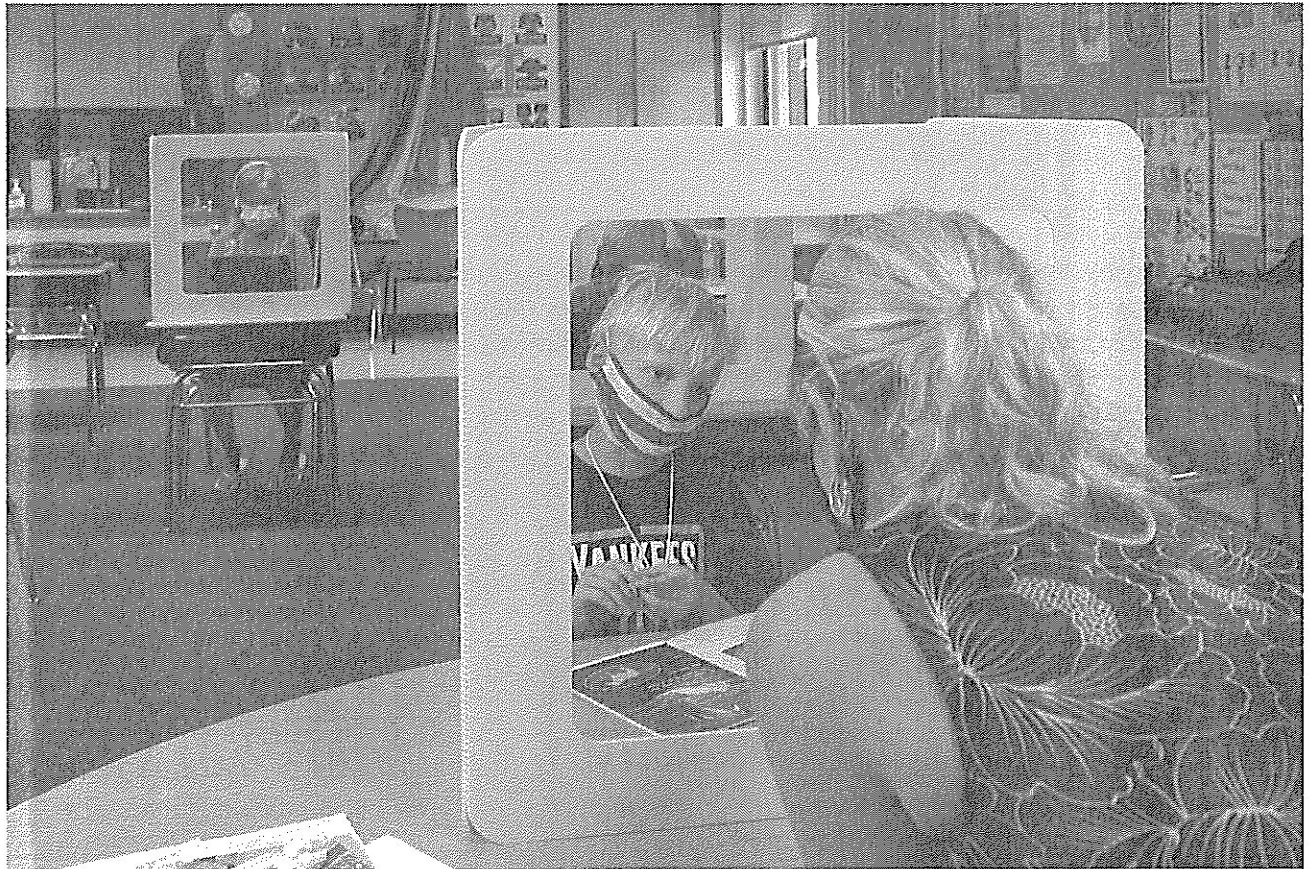
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Santos, Rich

From: news=eacgs.com@sm.eacgs.com on behalf of EAC Education News
<news@eacgs.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 7:43 AM
To: Charleston, Brett
Subject: Brett, are you ready to Re-open School with New CDC Guidelines?



***Updated CDC Guidelines:
Are you prepared for your School's Reopening?***



Vaccines for children under 12 are still months away, but the morning school bell is about to ring. Don't let your school fall victim to the rapid-spreading Covid-Delta variant. An extra layer of protection can go a long way this fall.

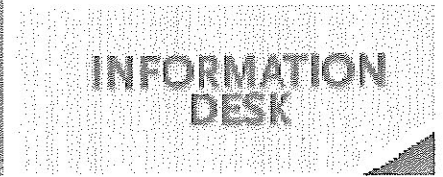
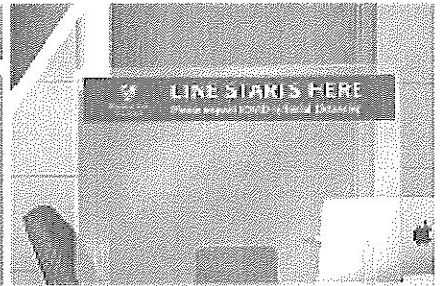
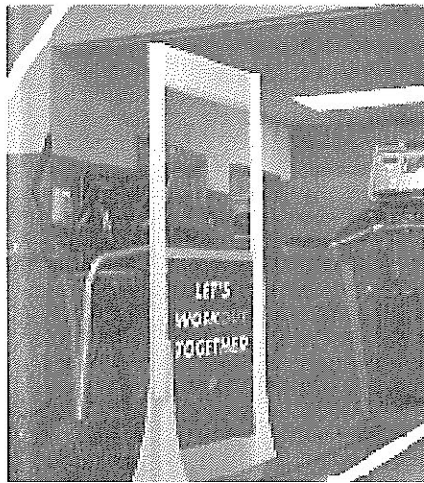
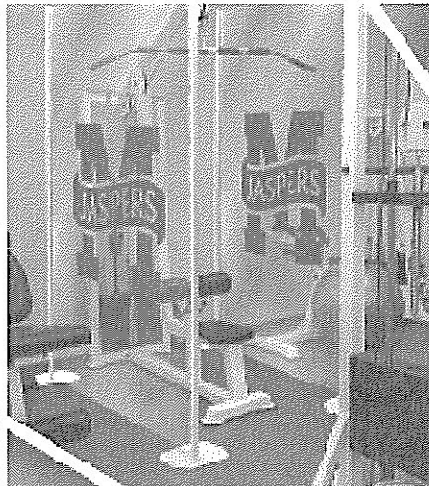
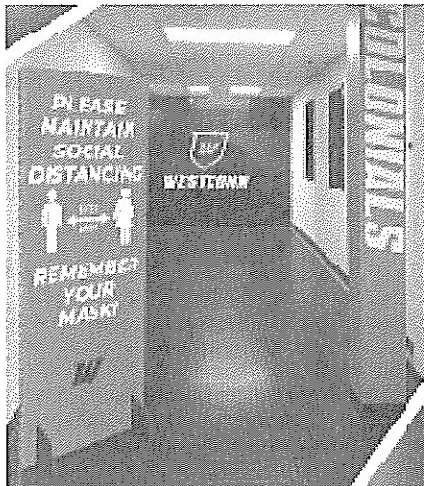
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is now recommending that teachers, staff, students and visitors to K-12 schools wear masks indoors regardless of vaccination status. But they should still plan on returning to in-person learning in the fall with prevention strategies in place. (*New York Times*)

Even with mask requirements, kids can become lax around their friends which heightens the chance of spreading. With the proper distancing PPE, you can further mitigate the continuous threat of Covid.

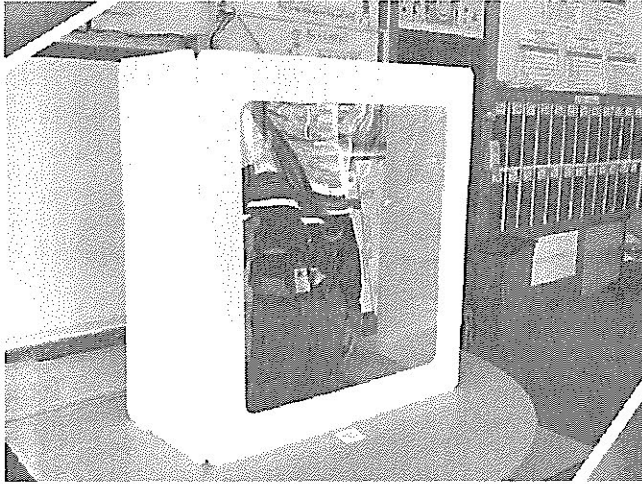
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Santos, Rich

From: Gary LoMonaco <glomonaco@classlink.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 5:04 PM
To: Charleston, Brett
Subject: Brett I hope you were able to get some Z's

Hello Brett,

I am sorry for the last email I sent out. The name was changed and I apologize for that.

I know the past school year was tough, so we hope we were able to help get you some Z's with the sleep mask. With that said, I would like to see if we can schedule some time to review ClassLink with you and show how we can help the upcoming year easier. Whether in person or remote, ClassLink helps districts just like yours with automated account provisioning, automated rostering, full analytics, and of course single sign-on.

If you would like more information please see <https://www.classlink.com/rest-easy> or feel free to email us back with when you would be available for a short call to review.

I look forward to hearing from you and have a great day.

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Santos, Rich

From: Gary LoMonaco <glomonaco@classlink.com>
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2021 10:05 AM
To: Charleston, Brett
Subject: I hope you were able to get some Z's

Hi Gerald,

I know the past school year was tough, so we hope we were able to help get you some Z's with the sleep mask. With that said, I would like to see if we can schedule some time to review ClassLink with you and show how we can help make the upcoming year easier. Whether in person or remote, ClassLink helps districts just like yours with automated account provisioning, automated rostering, full analytics, and of course single sign-on.

If you would like more information please see <https://www.classlink.com/rest-easy> or feel free to email me back when you would be available for a short call to review.

I look forward to hearing from you and wishing you a great 2021-22 school year.

Thank You
Gary

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