July 12, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The New York State Department of Health recently shared guidance with school districts regarding summer programs. Specifically, the NYSDOH provided the option to revise masking policies for summer programs only, as outlined in the *Interim Guidance for Child Care, Day Camp and Overnight Camp Programs*.

As such, effective Wednesday, July 14th, all students will have the option to remove their masks once they are situated in their summer program classroom and their teacher informs them that they may do so. Likewise, Remsen teaching staff will have the option to remove their masks once all students are in their classroom, provided that the staff member is fully vaccinated. Unvaccinated staff members and visitors are required to continue to wear their masks while inside the school building at this time.

Please also be reminded of the following:
1) This modified guidance is only for our current summer programs. We are still awaiting updated guidance from NYS for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.
2) All other health regulations and guidance must continue to be followed, including physical distancing when possible and screening. We will continue to take students temperatures prior to boarding the school bus or prior to entering the building if the student is dropped off.
3) Everyone on a school bus must continue to wear a mask at all times.
4) Masks are not required outside.
5) “High Risk Sports” that choose to practice indoors must continue to wear masks at this time, while ensuring that adequate and frequent mask breaks are provided.
6) Please continue to screen your child each morning if they are attending our summer programs and keep them home if they are feeling ill.

It is wonderful to see so many students smiling and enjoying our summer enrichment opportunities and programs. Remsen is certainly a great place to be! We are here for you to answer questions and help in any way we can. Thank you for your continued support in working together to safely meet the needs of all Remsen Rams. We will be sure to keep you updated with new information.

Sincerely,

Timothy Jenny
Superintendent

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