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Dear Parents/Guardians/Students:

Happy first day of school!!! I wanted to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and successful 2021-2022 school year. Although times are challenging, I am confident that our District will be able to provide the same high-quality education that you have come to know. For our students to experience success it is important that we come together as a school community and follow the procedures outlined by the Department of Health, and our own Health and Safety Plan.

On August 31st, the Department of Health, issued an order directing face coverings in all school buildings. This order supersedes our board approved Health and Safety Plan; however, we will continue implementing many of our layered mitigation strategies such as cleaning and sanitizing, social/physical distancing, etc. As elected officials we take an oath that we will follow state and federal laws. This order falls within the scope of state law; and therefore, masks are required in all school facilities.

Our next scheduled board meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 2021, with a work session beginning at 5:30 pm, followed by the board meeting at 6:00 pm. Throughout the pandemic we have held our board meetings virtually while levels of community transmission were in the high/substantial phase, and in-person board meetings while in the low/moderate phases. Our current level of community transmission is in the high phase and therefore our September school board meeting will be held virtually. Per Board Policy 903, "All persons wishing to participate in a public Board meeting shall register their intent with the Board Secretary in advance of the meeting and include name and address of the participant, group affiliation, if appropriate, and topic to be addressed." If you are interested in addressing the school board during the public comment portion of the board meeting, please email Lindsey Shaheen, Board Secretary at shaheeli@wallenpaupack.org or call 570-251-3000. If you would like to attend the board meeting virtually, but not address the board, simply go to our website at www.wallenpaupack.org and register for the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting virtually and would like your statement shared with the board, please email Mrs. Shaheen at the aforementioned email address.

Once again, best wishes to all our students and families!

Sincerely,

Keith E. Gunuskey, Superintendent