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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Charger Families,

I want to provide you with some important information for the start of the school year. On July 19, 2021, the Carbondale Area Board of School Directors approved the ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan 2021-2022. While the face mask order has expired and the attestation order is not applicable anymore, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has given school districts more autonomy in establishing district restrictions.

Carbondale Area School District is providing the following expectations:

- We will be **open for in-person instruction five (5) days a week** for all students PK-12.
- A virtual option is provided to our families through the Carbondale Area School District Cyber Academy.
- Students and staff are **not required to wear face masks at school**. However, students and staff are required to wear masks on buses as there are requirements to wear masks on public transportation. Any person who wants to wear a face mask may do so as a mitigation measure.
- There are **no COVID-19 vaccine requirements** for students or staff to attend school/work.

Safety continues to be of the utmost importance to us. Since the beginning of the outbreak, we have responded quickly and strategically to pandemic circumstances. While we may need to update or revise our plan over the school year due to conditions, requirements, or mandates, our decisions are consistently made with “what is best for kids” in mind.

Thank you for your continued support.

With Charger Pride,

Holly W. Sayre
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