

Dear RTMSD Community,

We are eagerly approaching the start of the new school and looking forward to having our students return to our buildings. I would like to formally welcome Ms. Lisa Stoddard as the new principal at Media Elementary School! Ms. Stoddard brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the principalship, including a strong background in literacy, PBIS, instructional leadership, and professional development. I know all of our Media Elementary students and families are looking forward to meeting her and plans are underway to host a meet-and-greet opportunity in the upcoming weeks. Please join us in warmly welcoming her to our RTMSD family!

As required by PDE, the Health and Safety Plan for the 2022-2023 school year will be on the Legislative Board Meeting Agenda on August 25th for consideration for approval. The proposed Plan can be reviewed [here](#). Public comments regarding the Health and Safety Plan can be submitted online [here](#) up until 2:00 PM on August 25th, or in person at the Legislative Meeting on August 25th at 7:00 PM in the Penncrest High School auditorium. The substantive changes to this year's Plan include the following:

- Masking will be optional. The District will adhere to any Orders or mandates established by the PA DOH or Delco DOH.
- School buildings and offices will allow for full occupancy with no alterations or restrictions.
- Consistent with the direction given from Delco DOH, the District will not conduct close contact tracing, while in the school setting, unless otherwise ordered/mandated by state, federal, or local authorities.
- Consistent with the guidance issued by CDC, close contacts of positive Covid-19 individuals will not be required to quarantine.
- When a cluster of cases occurs, defined by Delco DOH as 10% of students or staff within a specified core group (such as a classroom, building, or extracurricular activity), the District will notify families and staff of the specified core group to empower individuals and families to choose to take their own mitigative steps (i.e. masking, testing).

With these changes, we anticipate a continued return to normalcy of school operations. To support keeping our schools a healthy and safe place for everyone, please continue to be mindful of keeping your children home from school if they show any signs of illness.

I hope everyone enjoys these last waning days of summer and feels energized and ready to return to a great new school year!

Take care,
Dr. D.