

# LYNN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Lynn Public Schools Families,

First and foremost, I would like to express my sincere thanks for your cooperation and partnership over the past month. With high school students returning full time on Monday of this week, we have successfully transitioned all grades to five days of in-person learning per week. This could not be achieved without your support. Thank you!

Although the final day of the school year is four short weeks away, we continue to experience shifts and change with safety protocols. Several announcements were made by the Governor and Commissioner of education this week. The rapid release of information has caused some confusion. I am writing to clarify the impact of the recent announcements on the Lynn Public Schools.

On May 17, 2021, after consultation with the MA COVID Command Center's Medical Advisory Board, the Governor announced the following:

- Students no longer have to wear masks when **outdoors**, even if distance cannot be maintained.
- Schools no longer have to avoid sharing objects. This includes classroom materials, items for physical education, or art supplies.

With approval of the city's Health Director and LPS Nursing Department, we intend to embrace these changes. To learn more about the recent updates, please follow this [link](#). All other safety protocols and procedures remain in place. This includes wearing a mask that completely covers the nose and mouth while indoors at all times and remaining physically distant at a degree of at least 3 feet while wearing a mask indoors.

I have said from the beginning that the extent to which we stay together will only yield the best outcomes and experience for our students. I think we have done just that and I look forward to our continued partnership and a strong close to the year.

Best,

Patrick Tutwiler, PhD  
Superintendent