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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Department of Transportation have implemented a new travel mandate which applies to school transportation.

The CDC order requires face masks be worn by all passengers and drivers on school buses. The order requires passengers and personnel to wear masks that completely cover both the mouth and nose while awaiting, boarding, disembarking, or traveling on school buses. The mask mandate also applies to passengers waiting at bus stops.

The Richmond County School System required masks on school buses as part of its initial COVID-19 response. Thank you for your support of the existing mask requirement to help slow the spread of COVID-19. This letter is to make sure you are aware of the federal mask mandate and the existing Code of Student Conduct and Discipline rules that apply (See Rule 9, Rule 17 and Rule 19).

The CDC order exempts a person with a disability who cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask, for reasons related to the disability from the mandate.

If you have questions about the federal government mandate, please contact your student's school. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure that our students have safe transportation to and from school.

Sincerely,

Matthew Priester

Mr. Matthew Priester
Deputy Superintendent