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"Bulldog...It's more than our mascot; it's our character"

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Dear Families of Students in Mrs. Bernhardt's ELA Class-Period 3,

Today, we had a malfunction with our chilling component of our HVAC system which inhibited our ability to regulate temperature set points in many rooms. We are currently working to get it up and running. As a result, this caused many of our classrooms to have a temperature reading in the room that exceeded 75 degrees. As a district, we have made the decision that any room over 75 degrees would necessitate moving the class to a more suitable location. With all our classrooms being utilized, it was not possible to relocate the room. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 251, conveyed by Governor Murphy in August 2021, and reinstated with Executive Order 280 in January, one of the exceptions to the mask mandate allows a scenario where mask wearing would be optional. Masks would be optional in school, "when doing so would inhibit the individual's health, such as when the individual is exposed to extreme heat indoors."

Today during 3rd period, room C28 was excessively warm. In consultation with the nurse, I allowed the class to be masks optional in that room for that period only. Once that class was over the students were expected to and complied with wearing masks for the rest of the day. Yesterday during the school day, we had a loss of power. That loss of power caused a situation where we had to reset the HVAC manually with the support of our contracted company.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the school.

I apologize for this inconvenience

Sincerely,

Mike D'Ostilio, Principal.