

September 10, 2021

Dear Avonworth School Community,

The requirements provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education regarding updates to the [District's Health & Safety Plan](#) state that the public must be made aware ahead of time and provided an opportunity to comment on a proposed change. On September 13, 2021, the School Board Meeting agenda includes a motion to revise the Health & Safety Plan for the District to participate in the Pennsylvania Department of Health's free and voluntary [COVID Testing Program for K-12 school districts](#).

There are different levels of participation available through this testing program. The administration's recommendation is to have the District participate by making Rapid Antigen Testing available for students. Parental consent is required for a student to receive a Rapid Antigen Test at the school. No student will receive a test without a parent's knowledge and written permission.

We have heard from parents who have faced challenges finding locations for testing and that when they do find a location to have a test conducted, the wait can take quite a while. We are hopeful that having the ability to receive a Rapid Antigen Test at the school will be helpful for those that wish to take advantage of this opportunity.

If you would like to make a public comment on this agenda item, you may do so at the Board meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021. You can register to attend [HERE](#).

Sincerely,

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