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## Memorandum

**TO:** Capital Sub Committee, Linus Guillory, Sam Rippin  
**FROM:** Matthew J. Gillis, Director of Operations & Facilities  
**RE:** PPE for Start Up of 2021-22 School Year  
**DATE:** August 3, 2021

### Background and Overview

As the pandemic evolves, six to eight weeks in the past can feel like a long time ago and that same time span in the future does not feel as predictable as life was prior until March 2020. So, we took a mask inventory and ordered 30,000 children's masks for \$2,011. We can comply with the current (7/30/21) DESE guidance, and the amount below should get us through October/November based last year's consumption if masks are required for all while indoors on PSB property.

School	Adult	Children	KN95
Lincoln	6,000	10,000	
BHS	22,000	0	
FRR	12,000	4,000	
Heath	6,000	4,000	
Pierce	4,000	6,000	
OLS	10,000	0	
Baker	5,150	5,300	
Driscoll	10,200	11,150	
Lawrence	8000	6000	
Runkle	12000	18000	
Clark (For BEEPs)	6,000	12,000	10,000
<b>On hand</b>	<b>101,350</b>	<b>76,450</b>	<b>10,000</b>
Ordered 8/2	0	30,000	0
<b>Total Planned for 9/1</b>	<b>101,350</b>	<b>106,450</b>	<b>10,000</b>

In short, we have the other PPE supplies, safety glasses and face shields on hand from last year too (no reports of them disappearing.) Children size masks typically fit students through grades 4-6, depending on the size of the student. We will also provide refreshed spray bottles of the mild neutral based peroxide cleaner for desk tops and paper towels for the classrooms. Hand soap and hand sanitizer are also hand to get us into or past November.

### **Clean (filtered) Air**

The replacement filters for the portable HEPA air cleaners are also on hand and will be replaced per manufacturer standards. Charlie Simmons can update the Capital Committee on the progress of summer preventative maintenance of the MERV-13 filter replacement for the building HVAC system.

### **Going Forward**

New information about variant breakthroughs of vaccinated people lead the news of late, but the information on severity (hospitalization, death) of those cases is not nearly as prevalent in the latest reports and may not be out in time for local decision making before school reopens. Panel 4 and the Town's COVID task force (which is made up Town Dept Heads) are both meeting bi-weekly at point, I serve on both groups. The Town group met this morning at 9 AM and Panel 4 meets this Friday 3 PM.