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Dear Parents, Guardians, & Community Members,

First, I would like to say THANK YOU! The last two years have been a challenge and we couldn't have gotten through them without your support. With your dedication, involvement, and engagement we have been able to successfully navigate through this pandemic. It has not been easy, but we have come through this stronger than ever.

After much deliberation, monitoring the data, and collaborating with our local task force, Board of Education members, administration, and a sample pool of our teachers; we have concluded, that we will shift to OPTIONAL mask wearing. This shift will be effective Friday, March 4, for all students and staff. This will also be applicable for students that ride the bus.

Should we see an increase in cases, we will have to shift back to our mask wearing expectation. We will continue to monitor state and local data, follow CDC/DPH guidance, and continue following our mitigation strategies to keep our students and staff as safe as possible.

I want to express my gratitude again for your flexibility, patience, and understanding. I am looking forward to seeing smiling faces tomorrow!

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Thank you,

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