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Honorable Governor Hochul, Commissioner Rosa, and Acting Commissioner Basset:

We write on behalf of the Manhasset Union Free School District community regarding COVID-19 guidance for New York State's public schools. Throughout this pandemic, our school district has carefully adhered to the guidance, mitigation efforts and measures promulgated by the New York State Department of Education and the New York State Department of Health. These mitigation efforts have included, but are not limited to, improved ventilation for indoor spaces, contact tracing, social distancing, and indoor mask wearing. These strategies have been in place since we returned to in-person learning and have continued to the present time.

We reach out now for information to help us provide answers to questions we are receiving from our school community. We want to prepare for the time when we can transition ideally to a mask-less school environment. Specifically, have you established parameters for lifting the COVID-19 mitigation regulations, including indoor masking? If so, what are they? If not, under what circumstances would you outline such parameters?

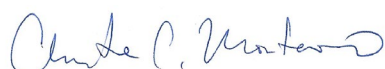
Thank you for your attention to this matter. Your response will provide us insight which would assist us in responsibly preparing our school community in the transition back to a pre-pandemic school environment.

Respectfully,

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