

January 24, 2022

Dear Manhasset School Community,

I apologize for the late e-mail. As you may be aware, the Supreme Court of the State of New York County of Nassau has issued a ruling stating that the Department of Health exceeded its authority in enacting the mask rule requiring that masks be worn inside all school buildings.

The State Education Department (SED) then issued a statement to all New York State School Districts which reads, "The Department of Health will appeal the Nassau County Supreme Court decision, which will result in an automatic stay that will unambiguously restore the mask rule until such time as an appellate court issues a further ruling. Therefore, **schools must continue to follow the mask rule.**"

At this late hour it is difficult to predict what tomorrow will bring. We ask that you please remain consistent with the SED directive for the time being as this situation continues to evolve.

We share your frustration with the conflicting messages, and we will continue to monitor this situation and update you accordingly.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gaurav Passi
Acting Superintendent of Schools