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Dear Seaford Community,

The events of this week have been particularly disheartening. Schools have been placed in an untenable situation with the back and forth legal decisions regarding the mandate by the State to wear masks in the school setting. We understand that today was confusing for our students since yesterday the schools were permitted to allow mask wearing to be optional.

The current reality is that the Seaford School District is required to follow the State mandate that masks be worn in schools by all students and staff. Please be aware that any individual not wearing a mask will not be able to remain in school.

As I am sure you have all heard, the appellate court is scheduled to conduct further proceedings in connection with the pending challenge to the State mask mandate. Kindly keep in mind that requirements regarding mask wearing may change again on Friday, January 28, 2022 as a result of those proceedings.

A separate issue is the wearing of masks on school buses. It is a federal mandate to wear masks on school buses. This is the same requirement that exists for air travel and public transportation. If a mask is needed, it will be provided.

I am saddened that school districts are in the position of implementing procedures tied to vacillations in the law. I truly understand the frustrations surrounding this issue and ask for your support in returning our focus to educating students.

Very Truly Yours,

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