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Dear Seaford Community,

Earlier this evening, we were made aware of a decision by the Honorable Justice Thomas Rademaker of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, that ruled the Governor and Commissioner of Education do not have the authority to issue a mask mandate. Therefore, **effective tomorrow, January 25, 2022, the wearing of masks is optional in the Seaford School District for students and staff.**

Please know that we were also informed that the Governor's Office released a statement strongly disagreeing with the Court's ruling and has advised that she will pursue every option to reverse the Court's decision immediately. If an appeal is filed, the procedures regarding mask wearing may change again.

We appreciate your patience as we navigate these decisions. We will continue to monitor the situation and update you if there are any additional changes.

Sincerely,

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