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Dear Families,

This letter comes as a follow-up to my brief text message from yesterday regarding wearing masks outside. We have received formal guidance from the New York State Department of Health outlining specifically what this means for school districts.

Effective immediately, the New York State Department of Health has revised its guidelines to no longer require individuals to wear face masks while outside on school premises. This includes both students and staff. This applies both during the school day and for outdoor sports. Everyone is still welcome to wear a mask. Whether or not to wear one outside will be a personal choice for the individuals and families involved. Indoor mask use will continue as it has throughout the school year, as still required by the Department of Health.

It is very important to note that the CDC did not advise changing the existing directives regarding the use of masks indoors; therefore, pursuant to the NYSDOH directive, masks are still required indoors for students and staff. As we have been doing since the onset of the pandemic, we will continue to follow the NYSDOH guidance and directives and we thank you for your continued understanding, patience and partnership with us throughout all of this.

Finally, it is important for me to mention that with the warmer temperatures that we have been experiencing, we understand the need for more frequent mask breaks so please be reassured that we will schedule these more regularly.

As always, if you have any specific needs or concerns, please reach out to your child's Building Principal directly. We are here to work with families and take pride in the relationships we have developed so strongly this school year.

Sincerely,

Andrea L. Galenski
Superintendent of Schools

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