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COVID Masking Mandate

Dear Members of the Blind Brook Community,

As most of you are probably aware, a NYS Supreme Court Justice in Nassau County issued a ruling late yesterday afternoon annulling the Commissioner of Health's emergency regulation requiring masks to be worn in schools as unconstitutional.

Late yesterday evening, the NYS Attorney General filed a Notice of Appeal of the ruling. This filing triggers an automatic stay of the lower court's ruling pending a further decision by the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department. Additionally, the New York State Education Department notified superintendents that they are to continue enforcing the wearing of masks in schools. As of now we are keeping the mask mandate in place for our district.

I am watching this situation very closely along with my fellow superintendents. I will keep you updated as things progress.

Sincerely,

Dr. Colin M. Byrne
Interim Superintendent of School