

Effective Wednesday, March 2, 2022 Wearing Masks will be Optional

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Dear East Ramapo Central School District Families,

Governor Kathy Hochul announced yesterday that masks and facial coverings will no longer be mandated for students, staff or visitors in schools across New York State effective Wednesday, March 2, 2022. This includes children two years of age and older in childcare facilities.

Effective Wednesday, March 2, 2022 wearing masks will be optional in all East Ramapo School District buildings.

There are still open questions regarding how this change will affect school bus transportation and protocols such as close contacts, social distancing and quarantine. As guidance is received, East Ramapo will send another message to the entire school community.

Please know that students, staff and visitors will continue to have the option of wearing a mask while in school. Please speak with your child regarding this decision. This is a personal choice, and East Ramapo maintains an environment free from harassment,

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intimidation and/or bullying due to an individual's choice to continue wearing a mask.

In the meantime, as always, please help us keep our school community healthy by keeping your children home if they are sick or required to isolate/quarantine per [Rockland County Department of Health COVID-19 guidance](https://rocklandgov.com/files/6016/4193/3508/iq_1.11.22.pdf) (https://rocklandgov.com/files/6016/4193/3508/iq_1.11.22.pdf).

Respectfully,

Dr. Clarence G. Ellis
Superintendent of Schools

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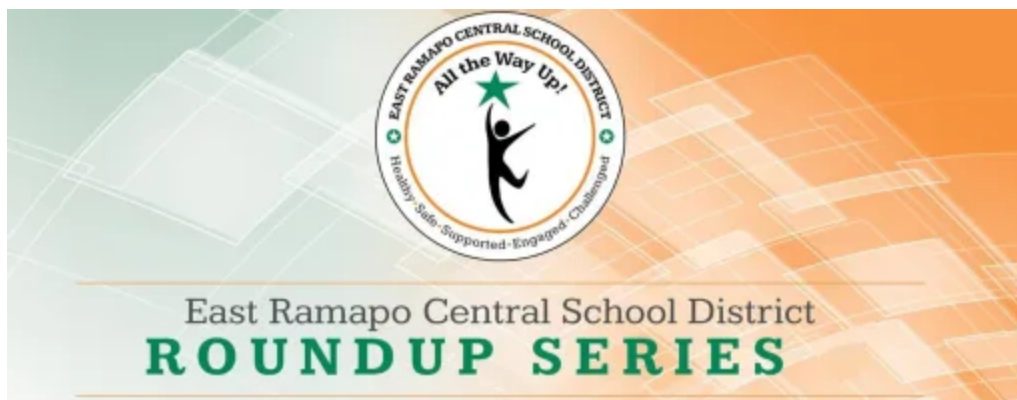
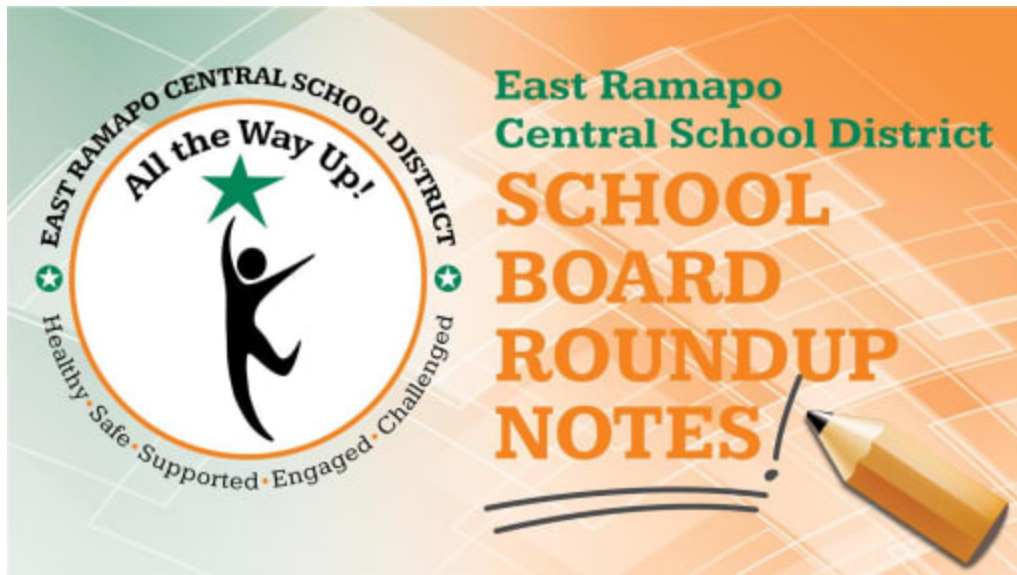


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