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Dear Green Hills Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the halfway point to our 2021-2022 school I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for the incredible support that our community has given to our school. While we are still navigating the ever-changing landscape of COVID-19 our students and staff have accomplished great things. We've had success in the classrooms, on the playing fields, arts programs and STEM. Just this week, because of your generous donations, Benny's Bodega picked up over 850 items to distribute to families in need in our local community! In so many ways we have gotten back to school the way it was pre-pandemic, to the credit of our staff and students.

Recently I have received several questions regarding mask wearing, specifically in our physical education classes. I want to take this opportunity to review Executive Order 251 and how it impacts students at Green Hills School.

The Executive Order states:

"All public, private, and parochial preschool programs and elementary and secondary schools, including charter and renaissance schools (collectively "school districts"), must maintain a policy regarding mandatory use of face masks by staff, students, and visitors in the indoor portion of the school district premises, except in the following circumstances:

*g. When a student is participating in high-intensity physical activities during a physical education class in a well-ventilated location **and able to maintain a physical distance of six feet from all other individuals;**"*

During physical education all students must enter the gymnasium wearing masks. In compliance with the Executive Order, masks must be worn any time that students are not able to maintain six feet of physical distancing. This includes during activities where they may be moving around and playing games. During class students who are distanced from their classmates are allowed to take masks off. If they require a mask break and can not physically distance they can sit on the stage and remove their masks.

Our physical education teachers have done an incredible job of consistently maintaining these practices since the beginning of the school year. Their classes are operating as they would in a normal year, and students are enjoying the incredible lessons each day in the gymnasium. They will continue to remind students of the guidelines in class and kindly redirect students when necessary.

I truly appreciate the support that our community has given this year and the open dialogue regarding our practices at Green Hills School. Please continue to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Jon Paul Bollette

Principal/Coordinator of Instruction

Green Hills School