



Mr. Thomas J. Colabufo
Superintendent

March 1, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We want to remind all parents/guardians that mask wearing in New York State schools and on school buses is optional for students and staff effective tomorrow, Wednesday, March 2, 2022, as per the Governor's announcement this past Sunday. We want all individuals to feel comfortable with their own choice, whether they choose to no longer wear a mask or if they choose to continue to wear a mask. We ask that all students respect their peers' decisions, and no staff member will try to influence a student's decision on wearing a mask or not wearing a mask.

We are still waiting for clarification from the State regarding a possible change to the quarantine guidelines pertaining to close contacts now that masking will be optional, but as of today, March 1, 2022 at 2:45 PM, no such information has been released by the State. We thank you all for your continued patience and support throughout the pandemic, and we are excited to finally be in a position to provide parents with this choice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas J. Colabufo".

Thomas J. Colabufo
Superintendent