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Mountainside Parents/Guardians and Staff:

As you may be aware, Governor Murphy announced yesterday that as of March 7, 2022 he will be lifting the mask mandate for schools and childcare centers, which would make mask wearing optional for staff, students, and visitors in these locations.

Mountainside School District will follow this recommendation and will update school protocols accordingly. Any staff, students, and visitors who choose to continue to wear masks after March 7, 2022 will be welcome to do so.

The NJDOH will be issuing updated guidance to assist school districts clarify how this change may impact close-contact designation, quarantine guidelines, bus transportation, identified school outbreaks of COVID, and other aspects.

Once these new guidelines are issued the District will assess them and clearly communicate additional details prior to this transition.

As always, thank you for your support and understanding as we navigate these changes and work our way back to a more normal environment which supports everyone's health, safety, and level of comfort.

Regards,

Janet Walling