March 1, 2022

Dear Families,

As you are aware, Governor Hochul announced that New York State will implement the new recommendations set by the CDC regarding face coverings, effective Wednesday, March 2. As of tomorrow, in both our school buildings and when using district transportation, face coverings will become parent choice for their children at all grade levels, as well as adult choice.

All other COVID requirements, such as screening your child before school for sickness, quarantining, distancing, and Test to Stay, remain in place until we receive additional information from the state. We are hopeful to have updated guidance from the New York State Department of Health shortly and will share details as soon as we are able.

Finally, it is important that we support and respect each individual’s choice regarding face coverings with this change tomorrow. There will understandably be mixed feelings, but supporting each other in a positive manner makes us stronger as a community.

As always, I appreciate your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

David Lilleck
Superintendent of Schools

Please examine the graphic on the page below provided by the ECDOH that outlines recommendations as you evaluate the decision that is best for you and your child/family.
School Masking Facts
What public health experts in Erie County want you to know.

Keeping kids in school is the most important way to mitigate the stress of the COVID-19 pandemic and care for children’s mental and behavioral health.

Masks work
to protect individuals and reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission (even if not required).

Schools are unique settings.
Masking in school lowers risk of getting COVID-19 through in-school contact.

Vaccines are vital
among school-age children to keep them safe from serious risks.

Vaccination is the best defense against Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C).

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