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Dear Pearl River School Community,

Shortly before 5:00 p.m. this evening, the NYS Education Department notified school districts that, *“the Appellate Division granted the application by the Department of Health and the Governor’s office, confirming the lower court’s decision is stayed pending further proceedings. As such, the mask mandate remains in effect for schools across the state.”* At this point, the mask mandate remains in effect until Friday, January 28, 2022 pending further proceedings.

As I stated in my communication this morning, we are seeing a vast improvement in the number of cases and I am confident that we will continue to move in the right direction until all COVID restrictions are lifted. I realize the last 24 hours have been difficult and confusing as reliable information that we could share with families was slow in coming. I thank the parents, students and staff for their continued cooperation and support today. Should there be any further updates to this mask mandate or other COVID related news, we will notify you.

Sincerely,

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