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Dear Pearl River Families and Staff,

At a press conference held this afternoon at 2:00 p.m., Governor Hochul announced that the mask mandate for schools will be lifted, effective Wednesday, March 2, 2022. This much anticipated change is greeted with relief and hope as we continue to transition out of the pandemic. The Governor made it very clear that anyone wishing to continue to wear masks should be able to do so. The District fully supports the Governor's lifting of the mandate, as well as the decision of any student, parent, or staff member to continue to wear a mask if they wish. On March 2, 2022 we will become a mask-optional district.

The announcement did not cover some of the finer points of information surrounding COVID protocols that have been in place, such as close contacts, social distancing and quarantine. We expect to have more information and guidance in the next week when these questions are likely to be addressed. When we receive this guidance, another communication will be sent to our entire school community.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent