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## **Update on Mask Mandates in New York State Schools**

Today, Governor Hochul announced the state will end its mask mandate requirements for most indoor public settings, but will keep masking rules in place in schools and certain other venues. Hochul said the state plans to review various metrics later in February to decide whether to continue requiring masks in schools. The state is presently drafting proposed new guidelines.

In addition, the New York State Appeals Court has not announced a decision regarding the “stay” order pertaining to the legality of the mask mandate. We thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we continue to navigate this fluid situation. As always, the health and safety of our students and staff is our highest priority.

We will keep you updated when we learn more about how this will impact our schools.

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