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Dear Franklin School Community,

As you may be aware, Governor Murphy announced Monday during his press conference that he is lifting the "mask mandate" for schools on March 7, 2022. He further explained that the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) would be working with the local county health departments to provide guidance to school districts regarding future requirements for masking. The purpose of my letter is to inform you that before making any changes to applicable procedures or policies, we await that guidance, which we expect will be issued before March 7. As soon as we are able to we will communicate relevant changes to procedures and policy giving everyone ample time to adjust.

I do want to take this opportunity to thank every member of our learning community for your hard work and cooperation, especially the past few months as we worked through the impact of the Omicron wave on our school community. Once again, our school community demonstrated its resilience and ability to adjust, no matter the circumstances. With that said, as positive cases wane in our community and as stated in January when we instituted the Daily Covid Screening form, we plan to suspend the use of the form starting Tuesday, February 22, 2022. This means on our return from the President's Day recess we will no longer require the form; however, please let the past few weeks serve as a reminder of the importance of screening for symptoms regularly and staying home when ill.

Finally, as we head into the spring season and continue working toward the end of the school year, I am happy to announce our intention to return to some, if not all, of our traditional end-of-school-year programs. Your building administrators will be communicating end-of-school-year program plans in the next couple of months, so please stay tuned. Again, thanks for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact your child's building principal or me if you have any questions.

Sincerely

John A. Ravally, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools