

## **WACS School Community Update - Tuesday, January 25, 2022**

Dear WACS School Community:

As you may know, it was reported yesterday that a decision made by a Supreme Court Judge in Nassau County "struck down" the NYS statewide mask mandate for schools. The decision was appealed by the NYS Department of Health this afternoon, to a higher New York State court - NYS Appellate court. The judge ruled late this afternoon that a "stay" of yesterday's Nassau County decision is in place while it is reviewed further later this week. As a result, The Department of Health mask mandate remains in effect until further notice.

Please know, we are closely monitoring this situation as it unfolds. Our District is consulting with legal counsel so we can provide our school families with the most accurate, clear and current information possible.

We understand that this may be stressful and confusing for our students and families. Please be assured that we will continue to monitor this situation, and all related guidance/laws as we make informed decisions pertaining this issue.

Should anything change and as information continues to evolve from the NYS Appellate court ruling late this afternoon, we will share pertinent updates with our school community as soon as possible.

Have a good evening!

Mike Cipolla