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Dear LCPS Families,

Today, Governor Glenn Youngkin has signed into law, SB-739 that permits parents to elect for their child to not wear a mask while on school property. LCPS will continue to follow the law and implement this change on Thursday, February 17th. Students who wish to wear their masks may continue to do so. Our schools are prepared and have reviewed and revised mitigation strategies as necessary to be consistent with this new legislation.

Although masks will be optional for students beginning on Thursday, February 17th, please know that all other mitigation strategies will remain in place. In addition, KN95 masks, to include pediatric sizes, are available for any student or staff upon request. The safety and health of our LCPS family and community have been and will remain our top priority.

At this time, staff in buildings will still be required to wear masks as required by the Department of Labor [16 VAC 25-220-40 \(Subsection G\)](#) and masks are still required during use of school transportation according to federal requirements [for public transportation](#). However, these requirements could also be subject to change at any moment and we would adapt to meet those updated requirements or guidance.

Sincerely,

LCPS School Board Members

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