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Dear Parents and Faculty:

Earlier this week, Governor Murphy announced that he would be lifting the Executive Order that requires our students and faculty to wear masks while in the school buildings. This memo is to address NB's planned response to this announcement.

First, a brief history is appropriate. Prior to the Governor's issuance of Executive Order 251, the district's "Road Forward" Plan allowed parents to make the choice regarding whether their child should wear a mask in school. However, when Executive Order 251 was implemented, it required all students, educators, staff, and visitors to wear face masks inside of school buildings, regardless of vaccination status. Therefore, as we welcomed back our students and faculty in September of 2021, NB's 'Road Forward' Plan recognized the Executive Order and included the mandatory wearing of face masks for all students, faculty, and visitors.

In anticipation of the Governor's announcement that he will be eliminating the mask mandate on March 7th, this notice is to advise our parents, faculty, and community members that as soon as the mandate to wear masks is eliminated, NB will not require students, faculty, and visitors to wear face coverings. NB will support and implement the "optional" use of face coverings while in school buildings.

As the specific guidelines from the State are developed and shared, NB will make appropriate plans and the administration will notify the community. As always, thank you for your patience during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

Dr. James Sarruda, Ed. D.
Superintendent