## South Lewis Central School District

Mr. Douglas Premo, Superintendent

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Dear South Lewis School Community:

Today Governor Hochul announced that beginning on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>March 2<sup>nd</sup></u> the mask mandate in New York Schools will be lifted. Additionally, it has been confirmed with Lewis County that no local masking requirements will be imposed. Therefore, all faculty, staff, students and visitors will no longer be required to wear a mask beginning Wednesday of this week. Masks will be still be required indoors on school property, including on school buses, through the end of the day on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, pursuant to the New York State Commissioner of Health and New York State Governor.

This announcement is a welcome one that has been long awaited and overdue. It is one of the last actions that needed to be taken to be able to return our energy and focus to the education of our students and the collaboration and cooperation among and within our school community.

On behalf of our entire school district I would like to thank everyone for the understanding, patience and trust throughout these past two years. While I realize everything is not fully behind us, I do hope we never have to relive a similar experience. I also would like to hope for continued good health for all.

Sincerely,

Douglas Premo

Superintendent of Schools