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Dear Families,

On Wednesday, February 16, Governor Glenn Youngkin signed Senate Bill 739 into law. It removes all school mask requirements in Virginia effective today, March 1, 2022.

As a result, Cumberland County Public Schools will transition to a mask-optional learning environment for all students and staff in our buildings. Families will not be required to complete the "opt out" form. However, we will continue to strongly encourage mask wearing as a key strategy in our efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and community.

We will focus on maintaining a positive and welcoming learning environment in which students feel comfortable wearing a mask if they choose to do so.

Also, based on the most recent guidance from the CDC, students and staff will no longer be required to continue wearing masks while riding in transportation provided by the school division.

CuCPS will continue to review and update our mitigation strategies as needed. As always, thank you for your flexibility, support, and understanding as we navigate the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chip Jones", is written over a horizontal line.

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