

Fair Lawn Public Schools

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Dear Fair Lawn School Community,

Yesterday, February 7, 2022, Governor Murphy announced that effective Monday, March 7, 2022, the Public Health Emergency that drives the school mask mandate will expire.

After consultation with the Fair Lawn Health Department, beginning on March 7, masks will no longer be required in Fair Lawn Public Schools; rather, they will be optional for staff, students, and visitors.

I cannot stress enough that this will be optional and that anyone who feels comfortable wearing a mask will be encouraged to wear one and those who feel comfortable not wearing a mask will have that option, as well.

Governor Murphy mentioned that the Department of Health and Department of Education will develop guidance that incorporates all aspects of safety in schools while children are unmasked. Once we receive the updated guidance, we will update our protocols to align with masks being optional beginning March 7.


While we all know we have watched the pandemic rear its ugly head several times, we will not let our guard down. We will continue to monitor the numbers should we head in the other direction and if required, we will reassess our mask policy.

I am pleased that this decision was made for March 7, ten days after our February Winter Recess, when the weather improves, windows are starting to open, numbers continue to decline, and outdoor lunches resume!

Hopefully, this is the beginning of the end of two long years!

I thank you for your support and understanding in this decision.

Sincerely,



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