

EAST GREENWICH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Andrea Evans, Superintendent

Gregory Wilson, Business Administrator

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Dear East Greenwich Township School District Community,

On March 7, 2022, the school masking mandate expires, and our district will transition to a mask-optional environment for students and staff. This decision is made in consultation with our local health department, as well as the trend of declining case rates in our district.

Effective March 7th:

- · Masks are optional for students and staff inside the school buildings.
- Masks continue to be required on school buses.

When our governor announced the expiration of the school masking mandate, districts were told to expect further guidance. Our district had hoped to provide one set of inclusive updates for families, but to date, the guidance has not been received. Therefore, <u>another update will</u> <u>be provided when additional guidance is received</u>.

Over the past two years, our decision-making has been responsive to the continuously changing factors of this pandemic. Health and safety has remained a priority, and it has transformed some of the most basic ways we experience a school day. With each change, our students, staff and families demonstrated resiliency and flexibility. I anticipate this newest change will evoke a continuum of emotions for all of our stakeholders, and I am confident we will continue to work together for the success of our students.

Sincerely, Andrea Evans