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Dear Parents/Guardians/Faculty/Staff,

Earlier today Governor Hochul announced that the statewide mask mandate for public schools will expire on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. We anticipate that the Onondaga County Health Department will not be imposing a mask mandate for schools in Onondaga County. On February 15, 2022, Tully Board of Education members expressed support for allowing masks to become optional at Tully Schools. Given all of this, effective March 2, 2022 masks will become optional in our school buildings and on our school vehicles.

Please note that masks will still be required on Monday and Tuesday of this week, and that going forward we will continue to implement other public health measures, such as promoting appropriate social distancing and offering COVID testing. Additionally, masks will still be made available in the main office of each school building, near the main entrances, and in the nurse's offices.

This is an important step on the path toward a more normal learning environment for our students. As we take this step we need to be respectful of each other's decision regarding whether or not to wear a mask. Please take a moment to have a conversation with your children about whether or not they should continue to wear a mask while attending school or on school vehicles. Also, please also have a conversation with your children about respecting the decision of others to either wear a mask or not wear a mask. We have incredible students and staff members and I am confident that everyone will be respectful of individual choices.

Thank you to our families for your continued support in our efforts to keep all of our students healthy and safe. Thank you to our faculty and staff for working tirelessly to support all of our students.

Sincerely,



Robert Hughes
Superintendent of Schools