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Dear Parents/Guardians/Faculty/Staff,

Last night the New York State Department of Health issued an updated guidance document on COVID related public health measures for schools, along with an FAQ. Here are links to these two documents:

- Guidance:
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/03/school-guidance-03.01.22.pdf>
- FAQ:
https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/03/school-guidance-faqs-for-schools_03.01.22.pdf

Based upon this updated guidance document we will be making two changes to our *2021-22 Tully Schools Reopening Plan*. First, effective March 2, 2022 masks will be optional in our school buildings and on district transportation. Second, effective March 2, 2022 students, faculty and staff who test positive for COVID may return to school during days 6-10 of their isolation period, provided they are symptom free and provided they wear a mask. These changes apply to extracurricular activities and athletics, as well as the regular school day.

Aside from these two changes we will continue to maintain all of the other COVID related public health protocols we had in place immediately prior to March 2, 2022. These protocols include weekly COVID testing of unvaccinated staff, maintaining proper social distancing when practical, and screening for COVID-like symptoms. Additionally, we are still providing masks and COVID tests to members of our school community who need them.

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
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Superintendent of Schools