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Dear Parents,

Today, Governor Murphy announced that the school mask mandate will be lifted on March 7. This news suggests that the pandemic is moving in a direction where we are seeing tangible actions that return our schools to normalcy.

Please note that each school was required to provide a COVID-19 plan that was reviewed by the Department of Health and the Department of Education. This plan was discussed and presented at a Board of Education meeting in August. Readington's plan requires masking when our region is in orange or red in New Jersey's weekly COVID-19 activity reports. However, we recognize the scope and nature of the pandemic is ever changing, along with our mitigation efforts. For example, this plan was written not knowing if or when vaccines would be available for children, therefore, adjustments may be required. Further, the Governor has indicated that specific information will be coming from the Department of Health in regard to the expiring mask mandate. We are unable to remove masks indoors until we receive this updated information and no earlier than March 7.

We look forward to providing more details in the near future. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Jonathan Hart, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools