



BYRAM HILLS

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

10 TRIPP LANE ARMONK, NY 10504

January 25, 2022

To the Byram Hills School Community,

I write to you this morning about an important mask message. I will provide the message first and the explanation after.

Mask Message: The NYSED Commissioner has indicated that masks are still required in schools. Until we receive further legal notification regarding a Nassau Supreme Court decision, I am asking that individuals continue to wear masks. Anyone who does not wear a mask during this time will not be questioned.

Explanation: Yesterday a Nassau County Supreme Court Judge issued a decision that masks in schools are not required. There is a case in Albany County Supreme Court that contradicts this ruling. Superintendents and our attorneys are expecting that an appeal will be filed by the Governor, which would stay the Court's decision and reinstate the indoor mask requirement in public schools. We anticipated the appeal last night, but it did not occur.

We will continue to monitor this changing situation and inform the community if that occurs. Until then, please follow the mask message above. Let's continue the respectful dialogue with which we began this journey.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Jen Lamia, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools