



BYRAM HILLS

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To the Byram Hills School Community,

At a press conference just now with Howard Zucker and others, Governor Cuomo spoke about the state of COVID statewide, including information about when NYS residents may reduce restrictions. (Governor Cuomo indicated that when the NYS vaccination rates hit 70%, we can begin to relax restrictions. He claims that NYS vaccination rates are over 68% right now).

Regarding Masks in Schools

Governor Cuomo stated that he communicated with the CDC, and the guidance for mask wearing inside schools **WILL NOT BE CHANGED** for the remainder of the school year, **BUT** that NYS will allow schools to **choose** if we want children to wear masks **outside**.

Tomorrow night the Board and I will discuss the lifted mandate for masks for students **outside**. I will communicate with the community directly after that meeting.

I have received dozens of emails with individual opinions on mask wearing. I appreciate the input I received, and the different opinions of our families. I will bring those thoughts to the Board tomorrow with my recommendation.

Today is a very hot day and our teachers are prepared to give students mask breaks - in and out of air conditioned rooms - and outside. We are watching, adjusting, and taking care with your children.

I will be in touch tomorrow night.

Thank you,

Jen Lamia, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools