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Dear District Families:

On Sunday, February 27th, Governor Kathy Hochul announced that the statewide mask requirement in schools will be lifted on Wednesday, March 2nd. We have received confirmation that the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department will support this change in guidance.

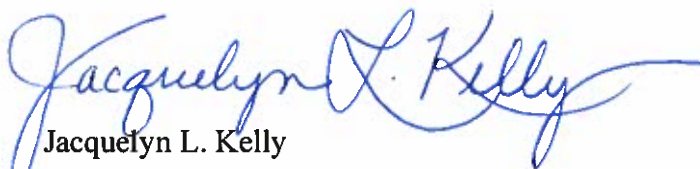
Therefore, beginning Wednesday, March 2nd students, staff, and visitors will no longer be required to wear masks in any of our school buildings or on buses. Mask wearing will be optional.

As with all decisions, there will be individuals who support the continuation of mask wearing and those who favor the removal of all mask mandates, and we understand and are respectful of both perspectives. Wearing a mask is a personal decision and we will not tolerate any teasing, harassment, or negative remarks regarding an individual's personal choice to continue to wear a mask in our schools or on a bus.

As always, we continue to work with our local county health officials as COVID-19 health and safety protocols evolve. If any additional changes to these protocols are made, we will communicate those to you.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and commitment to the health and safety of our students, staff, and school visitors. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's school nurse or administrator.

Sincerely,


Jacquelyn L. Kelly