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Dear MERS Community,

Today, the Governor lifted the mandatory mask mandate for schools, effective March 7, 2022.

From the start of this pandemic, we utilized the recommendations of the Governor, the New Jersey Department of Health, the CDC, and our local health departments to guide our decisions. Recently, as we became more experienced with the virus, we began to incorporate district data in our decision making as well.

That being the case, based on the Governor's decision and our district data, masks will be optional in the Manalapan-Englishtown Regional Schools for all students, staff, and visitors, effective March 7, 2022. We will continue social distancing as a mitigation strategy.

We will also continue to monitor our district data to ensure that changes in mitigation strategies do not adversely affect our ability to keep children healthy and in school.

Sincerely,

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