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There has been a great deal in the media about the Nassau County Supreme Court decisions from Monday. Our District has received the following legal guidance from our school attorney:

The Department of Health mask mandate remains in force at least through Friday, January 28, 2022, according to an appeals court order handed down yesterday afternoon.

In its decision, the Appellate Division ordered a temporary stay of the recent Nassau County Supreme Court decision which had found the Department of Health had exceeded its authority in issuing the mask mandate. The Appellate Division has scheduled oral arguments for Friday January 28th on whether mask mandate can remain in force pending the much longer appeal process, and as stated above, stayed the Nassau County court's decision pending hearing and deciding on the January 28, motion.

Additionally, on January 24, 2022, the NY Department of Education separately advised school districts that the mask mandate remained in place.

We will continue to wear masks in schools until there is additional guidance that supercedes what has been given. Since we have been in discussions over masks and vaccines for many months now, I know that some members of our community will celebrate this decision while others can't wait to have a mask burning party. I appreciate the continued patience each of you has demonstrated.

Please contact me with questions.

Sincerely,

Todd M. Freeman