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NOTICE: CT School Mask Mandate & BOE Public Forum, 2/16

Dear Griswold Public Schools:

At a press conference on Monday, February 7th, 2022, Governor Lamont announced that he intends to lift the statewide School Mask Requirement in Connecticut Public Schools as of February 28th, 2022. Governor Lamont was joined by the State of Connecticut's Commissioner of Public Health and Commissioner of Education when he announced that local towns and communities could decide whether or not to maintain a School Mask Requirement or to make face-masks optional after February 28th. [You can view this press conference by clicking here.](#) The State of Connecticut Legislature and Department of Public Health are still expected to weigh-in on Governor Lamont's decision. Know that at the time of writing this letter, it is **not known** whether or not the Legislature and/or Department of Public Health will support and/or modify Governor Lamont's decision. We will certainly keep you all posted, as best as we can.

It is important to note that, like many school districts and communities throughout Connecticut, Griswold Public Schools has not made any decisions on the School Mask Mandate with respect to Governor Lamont's 2/7/22 announcement. Furthermore, the Griswold Board of Education (Board) intends to consider all relevant information before formally reviewing, discussing, and potentially taking action on this matter.

Given that many individuals have expressed an interest in the School Mask Requirement, the Board will offer a Public Forum on this topic. **This will take place on Wednesday, February 16th, 2022, in the Griswold Middle School cafeteria from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm.** A formal meeting notice will be posted early next week. It is certainly understandable that there are a range of views on this subject, and the Board welcomes all who are interested to voice their views. To that end, the Board deeply values comments and concerns from the community in a respectful, courteous manner consistent with the adopted policies and by-laws of the Board.

Sincerely yours,

Sean P. McKenna,
Superintendent of Schools