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Dear EASTERN Families,

You may have heard that the state mandate for masks in schools has been removed for Pennsylvania, but I wanted you to know that **EASTERN's universal mask policy is still in place for all staff and students** as called for in our health and safety plan and out of consideration for the rising number of cases that puts our county rated as "High" community transmission. Having students properly wear masks and maintain 3 feet of social distancing is allowing more students to stay healthy and to stay in school. This is also in alignment with our districts, who are also maintaining their universal masking policy. We really appreciate our families for supporting the universal masking policy as we navigate through the pandemic. We have had 21 cases of COVID-19 this school year among our staff and students but have had no in-school spread. We are very proud of this and will continue to maintain diligence with student masking and distancing.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Executive Director

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