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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We have reached a milestone in New Jersey's response to the Covid 19 Pandemic. Beginning Monday, March 7, 2022, and in accordance with Governor Murphy's recent announcement, the Totowa school district will transition to a mask-optional environment.

After several ongoing meetings with our local health department and guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control, our school district is prepared to alter the mask mandate for the entire school community. **However, federal law continues to require face masks while on school buses.**

Our diligent adherence to guidelines and protocols set forth by federal, state, and local officials has enabled the Totowa school district to remain on-site and moving forward. This feat would not have been possible without our students' and staff's dedication to wearing masks daily without complaint or protest. Thank you!

While this transition may not be agreeable to all, the district assures its families that whatever your decision may be for your child, it will be respected and upheld. Disciplinary action will be taken if any instances of bullying or discrimination should occur because of any individual choice. Students are encouraged to feel comfortable with this option.

While this transition brings us closer to a sense of normalcy, be assured that the district will continue to maintain its environmental safety and sanitary procedures. Any updated Covid-19 data, guidance, or protocols will be communicated to you once received and reviewed.

As evidenced by our fortitude and determination through these very trying times, the Totowa school district continues in its committed to ensure your child's physical safety and academic well-being.

Thank you for your continued support, for it is in our collaboration that your child's success is achieved.

Sincerely,

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