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Dear BES Families,

As all of you know, beginning tomorrow, masks will be optional at BES. Masks will also be optional on the buses. I have spoken with all of the classes about the importance of respecting everyone's decision to wear or not wear a mask. I suspect the students will be wonderful and understanding toward each other as they start to see classmates and staff not wearing masks. I explained to them that every family is different and we need to respect the choices of everyone. I know there will be families who wish to have their child stay masked. I just wanted to mention that it will be extremely difficult for staff to monitor that and give reminders. If you want your child to wear a mask, and we notice that it's not happening with regularity, we will let you know.

We will continue to leave other layers in place; especially in the lunchroom. Kids won't need to be masked but they will still be eating with space between students. For now, the afterschool programs that will begin the end of March will still require masks. Since cohorts will be mixing, we wanted to take this extra step to protect everyone.

Another big change is that we will begin to accept home tests. Students will still be sent home if they are not feeling well or have symptoms, but home tests can be administered. Please take a picture of the result immediately and email that to the school before your child returns the next day.

As always, if you have ANY questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thanks again for all of your support over the last two years!

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