



# BETHLEHEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear BES Families,

I am sure you have heard that the state has lifted the mask mandate for all public buildings. Based on this decision, we are no longer going to be able to require the wearing of masks. As of March 16, following the BES Board meeting on the 15th, masks will be optional at BES. All of the other protocols will continue to be in place for the foreseeable future which includes students being sent home and getting tested for any symptoms they display.

I will be speaking with all of the classes to explain to kids that masks will no longer have to be worn. I want all students to understand that masks will be a choice and that we all need to respect each other's choices. Based on recommendations from the NHDHHS, we will continue to protect cohorts as much as possible and expect mask wearing for a period of time following a COVID infection. Face masks will continue to be necessary on the buses.

Moving forward, we will continue to do everything we can to protect students and staff. Attached you will find a reminder of the current protocols which will remain in place. I try to take every opportunity to thank the BES families for the support and understanding you have shown throughout the almost two years that COVID has been part of our lives.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Be well,

Sue Greenlaw