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Dear City of Burlington School Community,

As you may know, Governor Murphy has announced that the school mask mandate will end on March 6, 2022. After careful consideration of declining COVID-19 transmission rates and consultation with our local health department and school physician, **masks will be optional for all City of Burlington School District students, staff, and visitors, effective March 7, 2022.** However, masks **must** still be worn on all school buses in accordance with the federal transportation mandate. Additionally, when our students and staff travel to participate in various activities, they **must** follow the masking requirements of that destination.

The District recognizes that some individuals may prefer to continue wearing masks, and we support that choice. However, please understand that District staff will not be responsible to monitor student mask-wearing based on family preference. We also ask that you reinforce with your children the importance of respecting individual decisions regarding mask usage. In accordance with District policy, bullying in any form will not be tolerated. Furthermore, all current District health and safety measures will remain in place until we receive additional guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health.

Please understand that District administration and nursing staff may require or reinstate mask-wearing in certain situations. We appreciate your community partnership as we continue to monitor evolving pandemic conditions. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your school principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Russell".

John Russell, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Board of Education