

February 17, 2022

Dear Governor Hochul:

Today we write on behalf of the Sachem Central School District, which is one of the dargest school districts in New York. We have previously written to you on several occasions over concerns related to the CO9/IDask mandates, and the potential consideration of a vaccine requirement for stuin public schools. As we have previous written to you, we have complied with all mask mandates and related requirements associated with the CI9V pandemic despite concerns from our community about the efficacy of some these requirements, particularly the mask mandate.

At a pressconference last week, you indicated that the statewide indoor I mandate would be lifted effective Thursday, February 10, but that the mask mandate for schools and certain other venues would remain in effect. You suggested that after the February schecess period, the State will evaluate relevant metrics and make a determination about continued universal mask schools. However, there are unanswered questions about what specific m will allow districts to modify current practices. This ciscusing confusion, anxiety, frustration and, in some cases, misplaced anger among communit members which has manifested itself with very contentious board of educa meetings and a flurry of inflammatory email correspondence.

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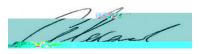
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