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Greetings,

Please note that Frazier School District's students, staff members, and visitors are still required to wear masks until further notice.

Yesterday, November 10, 2021, the Commonwealth Court issued a ruling that voided Acting Secretary Beam's school mask order. Upon learning of the ruling, the State filed an appeal, which triggered a stay of the Court's ruling. *Therefore, the school mask order remains in effect.* Per the legal proceedings, as well as information provided by the PA Department of Education and Frazier School District's legal counsel, PA school districts are expected to continue observing the masking order throughout the duration of the appeal. Frazier's Health and Safety Plan will remain in effect so all students, staff members, and visitors are required to wear masks inside school buildings and on school vehicles. For additional context and background, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Office of the Governor, is providing the following statement to schools:

The Secretary of Health's authority is clearly outlined in existing law. The Department of Health has directed counsel to file an appeal today. Filing of the appeal will immediately stay the Commonwealth Court's decision. School masking is a necessary public health measure to keep children safe and provide them with as much in-person learning in school as possible. Medical experts agree – hospitals and healthcare professionals across the state support the masking requirement. Requiring masks in schools is helping to keep students in classrooms and the virus out and is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

We will provide an update regarding this evolving situation as soon as we learn additional information provided by the State and PDE. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support to keep our students safe and in school.

Respectfully,

William R Henderson, Ed.D.