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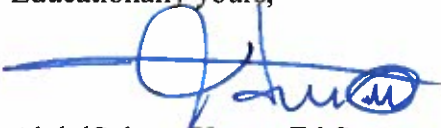
On Monday, May 9, 2022 the East Orange School District lifted the mask mandate for staff, students, and visitors as it was no longer a requirement to wear face coverings or masks in school buildings or on school buses. However, noting the significant changes and uptick in COVID-19 cases across the state and notably in Essex County, East Orange School District officials met with the local health department to discuss the next steps.

Based on our conversation, it is recommended that the East Orange School District return to the mask mandate effective **Monday, May 23, 2022**. Towards that end, every employee, student, parent/guardian, and/or visitor on district grounds, school buses, and/or attending district/school events must wear a mask. The aforementioned is not optional, it is mandated. The East Orange School District will reassess the health and safety of our community prior to June 10, 2022 and will inform you of the recommendation at that time.

We ask that all members of the East Orange School District community continue to use caution and monitor for symptoms, stay home and test when you feel unwell, and to follow the district's COVID-19 protocols by quarantining if you become COVID-19 positive. As always, we will continue to work with our local county health officials as COVID health and safety protocols evolve.

Thank you for your support as we work together to provide the safest environment possible.

Educationally yours,



AbdulSaleem Hasan, Ed.S.
Superintendent of Schools