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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Late this afternoon, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Commonwealth Court's November, 2021 decision invalidating the August 31, 2021 PA Department of Health Masking Order for K-12 public schools. This decision immediately voids the Department of Health (DOH) issued mask mandate, which has required masking in school buildings since September 7, 2021.

Our current Health and Safety Plan states that face coverings will be optional unless the wearing of face coverings is specifically required by law or order of the PA Department of Health or the PA Department of Education. Therefore, since the DOH Order has been invalidated, effective immediately, face coverings will be optional for students, staff, and visitors in all Hanover Public School District buildings.

Please note that the decision by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court does not impact the Federal Order issued in January, 2021 or the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Face coverings continue to be required on School District provided transportation.

As always, thank you for your continued support, understanding, and patience. It is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dr. John A. Scola
Superintendent
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