

December 17, 2021

Dear Caledonia Community Schools Community,

We hope you and your family are staying safe and healthy and looking forward to a great Holiday Break.

The current Kent County Health Department <u>Public Health Order</u> is set to expire on January 2, 2022, eliminating the mask mandate for students and staff in schools serving PreK-6th grade. While the mask requirement in schools will be lifted, the quarantine and outbreak <u>Public Health</u> <u>Order of August 6, 2021</u> requiring masks to be worn on the bus is still in effect.

Effective January 3, 2022, CCS students and staff in grades PreK-6 will no longer be required to wear a mask in our school buildings. Students and staff will still be required to wear a mask on the bus until March 18, 2022 per KCHD Public Health Order (8/6/2021).

We support and encourage the CDC's recommendation that all individuals wear masks while indoors. However, <u>parents and legal guardians will have the choice when making the decision for</u> their student(s) regarding facial coverings. COVID-19 testing, and vaccinations in the absence of any public health orders or MHSAA rules for student athletes.

We will continue to work with public health officials and make the necessary adjustments to our policy and procedures based on CDC, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and local health department guidance or requirements to keep our students, staff, and families safe. Recognizing the ongoing pandemic, we will remain flexible and ready to adapt to situations as they evolve.

Thank you for your continued patience and support. We wish you all the best for 2022.

Sincerely,

CCS Administration