

## MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

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Dear Montgomery Township School Community:

Governor Phil Murphy announced on Monday that he plans to lift his mask mandate for New Jersey schools effective March 7, 2022. The governor indicated that the decision on wearing masks will now be left up to local school districts. In our community, we continue to see a downward trend in new Covid cases. Last Friday, the Montgomery Department of Health reported the fewest number of new Covid cases in three months. The data is heading in the right direction, but caution is the key to any change in policy. We will carefully review our health and safety protocols in the coming days based on all the data available.

I want to thank the staff and students for their cooperation with following the mask mandate during the pandemic. I realize the challenges masks can present, but you have adjusted and adapted to meet the safety needs of our schools. My goal is to maintain the safest school environment possible as we begin to emerge from the pandemic. I will keep our school community informed on what changes are ahead and how they will impact our students.

Sincerely,

Mary E. McLoughlin Superintendent