



Resolution of the Kent County Board of Education on Optional Masking for Students and Staff

Whereas, the Maryland State Board of Education (the "State Board") promulgated a regulation codified at 13A.01.07 *et seq.* concerning mandatory face coverings in school facilities for students and staff in Maryland public schools in effect from January 5, 2022, through July 1, 2022 (the "mask mandate").

Whereas, on February 22, 2022, the State Board voted 12-2 to rescind the mask mandate by March 1, 2022, pending approval from the Maryland General Assembly's Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review ("AELR") Committee.

Whereas, the AELR Committee is scheduled to hold a virtual public hearing and vote on the mask mandate on Friday, February 25, 2022, at 2:30 p.m.

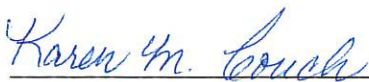
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the State Board's vote to rescind the Mask Mandate and the upcoming review of the mask mandate by the AELR Committee, the Board of Education of Kent County resolves that upon the approval of the AELR Committee to rescind the mask mandate, the Board of Education of Kent County will no longer require universal masking of students in staff in Kent County Public School ("KCPS") facilities and that the wearing of masks by students and staff in KCPS facilities will become optional.



Joseph Goetz, KCPS Board President



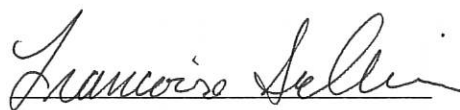
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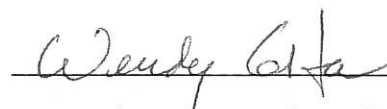
Dr. Karen M. Couch, Supt., Board Secretary



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