

February 26, 2022

### **Important Update**

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff,

Sorry for the intrusion on your weekend, but I have an important update regarding masks on buses.

As some of you might already be aware, a change to existing CDC (Center for Disease Control) orders were recently announced. Effective February 25, 2022, the CDC announced that they will no longer require the wearing of masks on buses or vans operated by public or private school systems, including early care and education/child care programs. Therefore, Newtown Public Schools will no longer require mask wearing on school transportation.

As masks are optional in schools and classrooms, mask wearing is now optional on the school bus **beginning Monday, February 28th**. However, please note that bus drivers will not be responsible for monitoring mask-wearing on the bus. In addition, please remind your child to respect the decisions of other students regarding mask choice.

Thank you and continue to enjoy your weekend.

Dr. Lorrie Rodrigue, Superintendent