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Dear ECU Community School Family and Friends,

We appreciate your continued support as we move through the COVID-19 Health Pandemic.

Due to the decline of cases in our school and community, this letter is to inform you that wearing of masks will become **optional** beginning **Wednesday**, **March 30**, **2022**. However, masks are still a federal mandate for public transportation and will continue to be **required on school buses**.

While some will welcome the new mask policy, others may worry about the change. There will be scholars, faculty, and staff who wish to continue to mask in our school. We must respect their decision. We expect our ECUCS family to respect individual decisions about mask-wearing. Our staff and scholars must model kindness, acceptance, and inclusivity. ECUCS will work with scholars, staff, and families to promote a shared understanding of respecting individual's decision as valid.

As a family, we ask that you complete the following with your scholar:



- Share with your scholar that our school policy on masking has changed.
- Remind scholars that ride the bus that they are still required to wear a mask on the bus.
- Share with your scholar your family's expectations about mask wearing. Be very clear with them as to whether you want them to wear a mask or not wear a mask at school.
- Remind scholars to be respectful of other's decision to wear or not wear masks.

Our goal is to continue to keep all scholars and employees safe. If there is a rise in COVID-19 cases, we may have to reinstate the requirements of masks. As a school, we will continue to carefully monitor federal guidelines and the number of Covid-19 cases in our school and community. If the need arises for a change, we will update you.

As always, thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Tracy L. Cole Principal