

North Haledon Public Schools

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Dear Parents/ Guardians:

Executive Order 281 was signed by Governor Murphy today. Mask mandate will continue in schools, as well as day care facilities. No expiration date identified. Excerpts from EO 281...

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 251, issued August 6, 2021, requires all public, private, and parochial preschool programs and elementary and secondary schools, including charter and renaissance schools (collectively "school districts"), to maintain a policy regarding mandatory use of face masks by staff, students, and visitors in the indoor portion of the school district premises, except in certain specified circumstances.

WHEREAS, given the evidence regarding high transmission of the Omicron variant, the CDC continues to recommend universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, child enrollees, and visitors in K-12 schools and child care settings over the age of 2 regardless of vaccination status.

WHEREAS, both the CDC and AAP recognize that masking is a critical tool to reduce transmission of the virus and protect unvaccinated individuals.

6. No municipality, county, or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance, or resolution which will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of this Order, or which will or might in any way interfere with or impede its achievement.

7. Penalties for violations of this Order may be imposed under, among other statutes, N.J.S.A. App. A:9-49 and -50.

8. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until revoked or modified by the Governor.

Thank you,

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