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Good evening Parents and Staff,

I am writing to advise you that late this afternoon the Appellate Division, Second Department, issued a stay of yesterday's Nassau County Supreme Court Decision and Order that declared the New York State Department of Health's mask mandate regulation null and void. The stay is temporary, pending further submissions, possible oral argument by the parties on Friday, January 28, 2022, and the Appellate Division's issuance of its decision on whether the stay will remain in effect while the appeal is litigated.

As a result of this temporary stay, the State's mask mandates are in effect and can be enforced by the State. Therefore, all students and staff of the Rockville Centre Schools will be required to wear masks tomorrow, Wednesday, January 26th through Friday January 28th. We will update you again after Friday's legal proceedings on any further developments.

Thank you for your patience.

Robert A. Bartels, Interim Superintendent