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Dear Cleveland Hill Families and Staff,

Many of you may be aware that a State Supreme Court Judge on Long Island issued a ruling regarding the New York State Health Commissioner's mask mandate in schools. Last evening, all school superintendents in New York State received the following directive from the New York State Education Department:

*The State Education Department understands that Nassau County Supreme Court has ruled that the Department of Health exceeded its authority in enacting the mask regulation, 10 NYCRR 2.60, in Demetriou et al. v. New York State Dep't of Health et al. This regulation is the subject of conflicting decisions, insofar as Albany County Supreme Court recently upheld the regulation in Massapequa UFSD et al. v. Hochul, et al.*

*It is SED's understanding that the Department of Health will appeal the Nassau County Supreme Court decision, which will result in an automatic stay that will unambiguously restore the mask rule until such time as an appellate court issues a further ruling. Therefore, **schools must continue to follow the mask rule.***

We are awaiting further clarification on this matter and will communicate that with you as soon as we receive it. Thank you for your patience while we wait for this matter to be decided by the courts.

Best regards,  
Jon MacSwan  
Superintendent