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Dear GSA Families:

You may have seen that Hancock County is now designated “Red” for our Covid-19 community level. After consulting with several people, I have decided that we will not require masking indoors at this time. I want to wait and see what happens before going to that requirement. If we can safely avoid it, I want to.

Wearing a mask indoors is, however, my strong recommendation, and I will be wearing one myself, reflecting my own choice and to encourage others to do so.

To mitigate risks, we will make some changes to our daily procedures:

- We will no longer have in-person assemblies
- We will require students to be outside for lunch and break
- We will set up the outside classrooms again for teachers to use
- We will keep students as separate as possible in our classrooms
- We will again have exhaust fans and air purifiers in every room

This has been another challenging year, with difficult balances between having as normal an experience for our students as possible, and being as safe as possible. The information is constantly changing, as new variants with different transmission levels and incubation periods become prominent. At this time, I think this is the most sensible position for us to take.

We will monitor closely the number of cases we have on our campus, and, if they start to rise at a quick rate, we will revisit this decision.

Respectfully,

Tim Seeley  
Head of School