



# *Akron Central School District*

## *In Pursuit of Excellence*

*Patrick D. McCabe*  
*Superintendent of Schools*

February 27, 2022

Dear Akron CSD Parents, Students, and Staff:

As you are no doubt aware, on Sunday, February 27, 2022, Governor Kathy Hochul announced that masks will no longer be mandated in NYS schools effective Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Therefore, effective Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at Akron Schools, the wearing of masks will no longer be required in the building, on buses or at school related functions. However, we do encourage anyone with any ongoing health concerns, whether for themselves or others, to continue wearing a mask; and we wish to assure you that your choice to do so will be fully supported. Words or actions that seek to criticize or exclude individuals from any activity, opportunity or experience provided by the District as a result of a personal decision on masking will not be tolerated.

The lifting of the mask mandate will not change our daily practices in regard to maintaining a safe, hygienic environment for our students and staff. We continue to encourage everyone to practice good personal health and hygiene, including staying home when ill and seeking medical care.

The announcement today did not address requirements for social distancing, isolation, quarantine, Test to Stay, or weekly testing for unvaccinated employees. According to the Governor, new guidance will be released to schools in the coming days. Once it is received, we will analyze the information and work to implement it accordingly. We will keep you informed.

The resilience of our students, the dedication of our employees and the unwavering support of our families and community have made this difficult journey tolerable. On behalf of the Board of Education, I thank you for your dedication to our children and the mission of the Akron Central School District.

Sincerely,  
Patrick D. McCabe