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Faculty and Staff,

At this time, we have decided to make masks optional for staff in our buildings. Please know that we do not take this decision lightly. However, it is our understanding that Governor Youngkin's recent executive order gives us flexibility when it comes to requiring masks in our school buildings. Masking will still be required on buses until US Department of Homeland Security-Transportation Security Administration's directive SD 1582/84-21-01B expires.

Please note that we may opt to adjust our mask policy in the future. We will continue to monitor local case numbers as we make these decisions. We will keep our families and community informed if any changes occur.

In the meantime, we ask our students and families to follow our other health and safety protocols. This includes staying home when you are feeling sick, getting tested if you start to experience COVID-19 symptoms, and remaining socially distanced as much as possible.

Thank you for your support as we continue to navigate the challenges this pandemic has presented us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John I. Ferguson'.

John I. Ferguson
Superintendent