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Tamaqua Area SD Families:

On Friday, December 10, 2021 the PA Supreme Court denied the appeal of the PA Department of Health related to the Acting Secretary's authority to impose a school masking mandate. This ruling lifts the mandatory masking requirement while in school buildings and returns that authority to the local school district.

As per the school district's Health & Safety Plan, masking in school buildings returns to optional status for students, staff and visitors, beginning immediately. It is important to understand, that the school district is still required to contact trace, provide quarantine guidance and report case information to the state.

We want to emphasize the continued need to stay home when experiencing symptoms for the health and well-being of students, staff and families. Should you have any questions, please reach out to school administration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Kinder", written in a cursive style.

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