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Parents, Guardians, Students, Staff

I hope you are healthy and doing well. As I am sure you are aware, beginning March 7, 2022 Governor Murphy has lifted the mandatory mask wearing policy in the state of New Jersey for school districts. It is the decision of each individual school district to decide on whether masks will continue to be required. In conjunction with Dr. Anthony Wright, Executive Director, and Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Educational Services, and the New Jersey Department of Education Office of Human Resources, we have made the decision to continue to require masks in school and on buses, vans, and cars. This requirement applies to all students, teachers and staff.

This decision has been made to continue to keep the students and staff at Katzenbach healthy and safe, and it is based on the following data:

- Total students vaccinated from Preschool to 12th grade  
97 total students. 43 vaccinated 44% vaccinated
- 6-12+ grades 55 students 37 vaccinated 67% vaccinated
- K-5 (not including preschool) 30 students 6 vaccinated 20% vaccinated
- 12 pre-school students unvaccinated

We will continue to review the available data and will make decisions about continuing to require masks based upon that data. I am very optimistic that soon we will be able to remove the requirement.

I am also hopeful that we will resume the following events this school year:

- Sports Awards
- School Play
- End of the Year Field Trips
- End of the Year Carnival/Picnic

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Jody Caseiro, Principal for MKSD or myself.  
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