

Dear Parents and Caregivers:

Late Friday afternoon we received the attached Commissioner's Determination from the NYS Department of Health. While all components of the previous masking requirements for schools remain in effect, ***"This determination does not provide for the implementation of 'mask breaks' during the school day, nor does it provide for an exception to the masking requirement on the basis of minimal social distancing in classrooms."***

Due to the timing of the release, I have informed our staff that today may be used to phase out mask breaks while explaining the new rule to students which is in place until at least January 15, 2022 at which time the state will reevaluate the determination.

Should you have any questions on this change please do not hesitate to contact us at schoolopening@bscsd.org.

Thanks very much.

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