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Dear parent/guardian,

The Quebec government has announced it is officially ending its indoor mask mandate as of May 14th. As a result, all students will no longer be required to wear a mask for any activities in schools or centres, including classrooms, cafeterias, hallways and while riding school buses.

However, the Lester B. Pearson School Board will continue to respect a student's choice to wear a mask while seated in class and at daycare should they choose to do so. We will instruct our elementary and secondary schools to permit mask wearing while not making it mandatory and we will continue to make sure masks are available in all our schools and centres for anyone wishing to use one.

Isolation protocols for schools/centers remain in place for individuals testing positive for COVID-19. It is important that students do not report to school when feeling unwell, and we strongly encourage using rapid tests should they show any symptoms. Also, students returning from a COVID-related isolation will be required to wear a mask at all times for the first five (calendar) days of their return.

We would like to thank you for your continued collaboration regarding this matter. Throughout the pandemic we always prioritized the health and safety of our staff and students. The lifting of the mask mandate marks a significant moment in this ongoing public health challenge. We all aspire to transition to a certain sense of normalcy while remaining mindful that COVID-19 has not disappeared even though the epidemiological situation continues to improve across the province.

Lester B. Pearson School Board Administration