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Dear Parents and Caregivers:

Based on this recent guidance from the Connecticut State Department of Education, Colchester Public Schools will be following this recommendation starting tomorrow, Thursday, May 27:

*“Specific to outdoor settings, **masks are not required**, but we recommend continuing mask wearing for students and staff in situations where students and/or staff are outdoors and in close contact while stationary (e.g., sitting/standing together in a group). Where students are actively moving around during recess or physical education activities, masks can be removed. Masks should also be on when going out of the building to recess and back into the building afterward. Good hand hygiene should be emphasized before and after outdoor activities.”*

Masks continue to be required for all staff and students inside school buildings for the remainder of the year.

Masks will be mandatory for any CPS summer programs until we receive further guidance from CT-DPH or CSDE.

At this time, public health officials have not released mask recommendations for the fall. Once such recommendations have been announced, we will adjust our procedures accordingly.

Best Regards,

Jeffrey Burt, Superintendent