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Dear RCS Community,

I hope this letter finds you well and healthy. As you may have heard, the Baker-Polito administration has announced updates that become effective May 18<sup>th</sup>. This update directly impacts how we operate as a school community. In short, the most notable changes relate to masking and sharing of supplies.

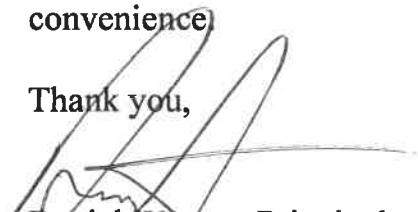
Effective May 18th, students no longer have to wear masks when outdoors, even if distance cannot be maintained. This guidance update applies to recess, physical education, youth sports and outdoor learning environments. Adults must continue to wear masks outdoors if distancing cannot be maintained. Please note, adults and students will continue to wear a mask indoors.

The Governor also announced that given the low likelihood of surface transmission of COVID-19, schools no longer have to avoid the sharing materials. This includes classroom materials, items for physical education, or art supplies. Shared objects no longer have to be cleaned or disinfected between use.

Moving forward, we will continue to practice the important mitigation strategies of hand hygiene including frequent use of sanitizer/handwashing, indoor distancing and indoor masking.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or the school nurse for further discussion. Attached is an FAQ on the entire update from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for your convenience.

Thank you,



Daniel Weston, Principal

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