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RE: UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR MASKING OUTDOORS

Dear parents/guardians and students:

When local case counts increased significantly last fall, Public Health Sudbury & Districts implemented enhanced COVID-19 protection measures for schools. On February 7, 2022, school boards were advised that there is no longer a need for enhanced measures at the local level in light of the provincial guidance.

As a result, students are not required to wear masks outdoors while cohorted. Students will continue to remain in their cohorts while outside during nutrition breaks. Mask requirements for indoors remain the same.

The updated guidance for masking outdoors will take effect in all Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island on Thursday, February 10, 2022. Parents/guardians may ask their children to wear a mask outdoors should they choose.

All other health and safety measures remain in place, including the additional measures announced by the Province of Ontario prior to the return to in-person learning. These include daily screening for symptoms, availability of 3-ply cloth masks for students, and cohorting during recess and outdoor breaks.

Please continue to use the [COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in School and Child Care](#) and follow the guidance. Be sure to scroll down the page so you don't miss anything.

All students and staff are required to screen rigorously on a daily basis before coming to school or work. Daily confirmation of screening will continue until further notice.

Our message is simple:

If you are sick, stay home. If you are well, come to school. When in doubt, wait it out.

Thank you for working together to keep everyone safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. Bourget".

Bruce Bourget
Director of Education