



UTICA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
929 York Street
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IMPORTANT MESSAGE – UNIVERSAL MASK MANDATE

January 25, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Staff:

As you may be aware, a court in Nassau County, New York issued a ruling against the Governor's universal mask mandate that was issued last December. The Governor and the New York State Department of Health have filed a notice of appeal.

In response, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) informed schools across the state that they **must continue to follow the mask rule** while the legal steps play out. The school district will continue to monitor this situation and seek further advisement from legal experts.

Once again, the school district appreciates everyone's patience and understanding, as well as their continued compliance with the mask mandate until this matter is fully resolved.

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