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Subject: Statewide mask mandate for schools to change on March 31.

Neah-Kah-Nie School District Community:

Today, we learned that the Oregon Health Authority expects to lift the statewide mask mandate for schools on March 31, 2022, while keeping them highly recommended. At that time, mask rules will be a local decision based on the recommendation of our county health department.

We understand that our community members, staff and students will wonder what this could mean for our schools. Our school district is working closely with the Tillamook County Health Department and will be working with our labor partners - to evaluate what this new information will mean for us. As we work to understand these implications, we will continue to prioritize the safety of our students and staff so we can maintain face-to-face instruction to the greatest degree possible.

We all must understand that decisions around masking policies will carry a variety of implications, most notably, quarantine and isolation requirements, and ultimately our capacity to keep instruction in-person.

As always, thank you for your partnership in supporting the safety and success of our students and the larger community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Erlebach". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul Erlebach, Superintendent
Neah-Kah-Nie School District