January 23, 2022

Dear Ryan Families,

Good afternoon. I want to begin by thanking you for the support you have shown the teachers and staff at our school. Because of their efforts and dedication, our school has remained open to provide in-person instruction and your children have received an exceptional education.

You are all aware of Executive Order Two that Governor Youngkin issued that takes effect on Monday, January 24, 2022. This Order terminates Public Health Emergency Order Ten that was issued on August 12, 2021, which mandated masks be worn by all individuals in all schools. Executive Order Two also gives parents the option to choose whether their children will be subject to a mask mandate in any school or educational program in the Commonwealth.

Ryan Academy will comply with Executive Order Two. Please review our revised face mask for students that is attached and will take effect on Monday, January 24, 2022. We continue to encourage that masks be worn by all employees, students, and visitors in our schools pursuant to CDC guidance, particularly given the recent surge in cases. **\*NOTE- Masks are still required in Before/Aftercare**-*Building Blocks falls under childcare guidelines, which have different regulations than the one that Ryan Academy must follow.*

All the other components of the health mitigation plan that are in place in school will continue and remain in place. Please talk with your children about what your decision and expectations are about them wearing or not wearing masks and ask that they respect others. Teachers will not be asked to enforce parents’ pro- or anti-mask decisions in the classroom.

If you do not want your child(ren) to wear a mask at school, we respect that decision. Please be advised that choosing not to wear a mask may put students at higher risk for meeting the close contact definition, requiring quarantine, and potentially face longer quarantine periods. Parents who do not want their child(ren) to wear masks in school must complete and return to the school the attached election sheet on or before the first day your child(ren) will not be wearing a mask.

Thank you for continuing to support our school.

Sincerely,

Lisa Lee

Lisa Lee

Campus Director

Ryan Academy of Norfolk