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Feb. 28, 2022

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

California Gov. Gavin Newsom today announced that students will no longer be required to wear masks at school after March 11, regardless of vaccination status. California, consistent with recent guidance from the CDC and in alignment with both Oregon and Washington, is shifting from masks being “required for students” to “strongly recommended.” Staff decisions will be guided by Cal/OSHA. Technically, the masking requirement for students is lifted on Friday, March 11 at 11:59 p.m., which means the first school day that masks will no longer be required is Monday, March 14.

Some students may feel it is prudent to continue wearing a mask while at school, and we want to stress that all students and their choices regarding masking must be treated with respect. Twin Rivers Unified respects all individual choices and will continue to follow all public guidance as the state shifts to an endemic phase of COVID-19. The District will continue to provide COVID-19 vaccine clinics and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for students and staff.

As California continues to shift toward treating COVID-19 as an endemic, we expect continued guidance from the state regarding those mitigation measures that have been in place to protect the health and well-being of our students, staff, families and communities. We will also continue to work closely with our labor groups on any issues regarding all COVID-19 health and safety issues as they arise.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding and patience as our state and local protocols change and we make adjustments accordingly. I will have more information on the updated guidelines in my Friday Update on March 4.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Martinez".

Steve Martinez, Ed.D.
Superintendent, Twin Rivers Unified