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February 10, 2022

Dear Sherman School Staff and Families,

During a press conference Monday afternoon, Governor Lamont announced that he is endorsing a plan developed in consultation with the state's Department of Public Health and Department of Education to eliminate the statewide mask mandate in Connecticut. Whenever the elimination of the Governor's mask mandate goes into effect, our Board of Education will then have to determine whether masks will continue to be required in our school.

The Board and administration want to ensure that everyone in Sherman has the opportunity to express their concerns about this topic. To this end, the Board will hold a special meeting on February 16, 2022 at 7:00PM in the Sherman School Library Media Center (which people may attend in person or via [Zoom](#)) with Sherman's health director, Tim Simpkins, and Sherman's medical advisor, Dr. Evan Hack, to hear their opinions and to discuss possible action on this topic. All members of the Sherman community are encouraged to attend this meeting.

In the event you are unable to attend the meeting, [here](#) is a link to a short survey. So that the Board of Education has the opportunity to review all of the written feedback that it receives in advance of the meeting, please submit your responses no later than February 13th. The Board will come to the meeting having read all of your feedback, and will share any applicable health-related questions with our health team in advance.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts on this important topic.

Sincerely,

Jeff Melendez
Superintendent-Principal

Brian Berlandi
Chair, Board of Education