

## **AVERILL PARK MASK RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, New York State currently has a mask mandate requirement in place for public school districts and such mandate may be discontinued in the near future as a result of either voluntary discontinuance by the State or Court action; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education will continue to abide by the legal mask mandate so long as it exists but wishes to provide clarity on what its position will be when and if the mask mandate no longer exists.

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE AVERILL PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT** that, upon the legal mandate by New York State for the wearing of masks by staff, students, and visitors in public schools ceasing to exist, the School District will follow a “mask optional” policy for staff, students, and visitors allowing each individual and/or student/parent/guardian to make the determination of whether to wear a mask in school based on their own choice. However, in the event any new lawful directives or conditions are issued, any such choice must be consistent with any new legal requirement that may be issued.

This resolution shall not apply to or affect the requirement that all staff and students wear masks while on School District transportation (e.g. buses) as that is a requirement under Federal Law, so long as such Federal mandate remains in place.

Visitors and students are reminded that the Code of Conduct requires all students and visitor to comply with lawful orders and directives of the State and the District. Failure to do so can result in discipline for students and visitors being asked to leave school property.