Masking Update:

Dear Cashmere Families,

Over the past two years, students, educators, school employees, and their families have remained flexible and adapted to changing health and safety guidance as public health experts continued to learn more about COVID-19.

In a press conference yesterday afternoon, Governor Inslee announced that beginning March 21st, face masks will no longer be required in K-12 schools and child-care settings.  In the Cashmere School District, we are especially appreciative and grateful for how well our staff, students and parents have worked together with our schools to get to this point in time!

Even though we are extremely excited to be able to provide optional masking in our schools, it will be important that we continue to follow OSPI, L&I, Insurance and Dept. of Health guidelines in the short term. The state superintendent has made it very clear that school districts are required to follow the law, and the law currently requires masks in schools. Therefore, until March 21st, face masks will continue to be required for all students, staff and visitors in all school buildings. There are sixteen school days remaining before masking becomes optional…Together, we can do this!

For more detailed information about updated COVID guidance, see the State-provided FAQ on the following link: [Masking Requirements Moving Forward.](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KV92N7VP37DdJqqAVOKo4KeaI_t2jZrjpskMUiDN9Xo/edit)