Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor of New York State  
New York State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224  

July 2, 2021  

Dear Governor Cuomo,  

The Board of Education and I urge that you encourage the NYS Department of Health (DOH) to give consideration to the desires and needs of the families of Sayville concerning COVID precautions. The DOH should establish protocols that maintain health and safety but also give school districts the discretion as to how best meet the needs of their students. Also, we request that the DOH provide an explanation to the community for the necessity of ongoing precautions despite the very low COVID infection rate for our area. We urge the Department to make decisions based on actual, local data.  

In closing, the Sayville Board of Education remains committed to the rule of law but respectfully demands that the Health Department and our elected officials design COVID requirements, in particular mask protocols, that are in line with our community’s desires and best interests.  

Sincerely,  

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Sayville Board of Education and Dr. John Stimmel, Superintendent of Schools