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Dear Parents in our Diocesan Catholic Schools,

Today, the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court announced that the current school masking mandate, instituted by the Department of Health on September 7, has been found void. Very shortly after that ruling was announced, the Department of Health announced that they have “directed counsel to file an appeal today. Filing of the appeal will immediately stay the Commonwealth Court’s decision.”

We understand there are various positions and feelings regarding masking. However, as the appeal has already been filed by the state, **we are continuing to require that all students, faculty, staff, visitors, et al. wear a mask when indoors in all of our Diocesan Catholic schools.** Our legal team will continue to monitor this case and will provide updates as new information is made available.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and patience as we work through these ever-changing times. May God bless you and your family.

In Christ,

Mr. Daniel Breen
Secretary for Education and Superintendent of Catholic Schools