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Dear Otto-Eldred Community,

As expected, the Pennsylvania Department of Health filed an appeal of the decision handed down yesterday by the Commonwealth Court. The appeal enacts an automatic stay of the judgement. Until the appeal is heard and decided by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the mask order is still in effect. This has been confirmed through our school solicitor.

As was shared yesterday, our focus was to reduce the confusion that was caused by the timing of this decision. We will keep our community updated as our state legislative and judicial systems work through this legal matter.

Governor Wolf announced Monday that the mask order is anticipated to end on January 17, 2022. This would impact our K-12 population while in school. A Federal rule would still require masks on school transportation. As we work through questions related to this anticipated change, we will keep all informed.

On a separate note, today is Veteran's Day. Thank you to all that have served our great country. Our freedom to express our thoughts and our freedom to work toward a bright future is due to the sacrifices made by our veteran's. Be sure to thank a veteran today for their service to our country.

Sincerely,

Matthew D. Splain

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