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Dear Charter Arts Community,

### Masking Update

On Friday, December 10, 2021, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court struck down the Acting Secretary of Health's school masking order and deferred all masking decisions back to individual school districts. As we communicated in our previous letter to families on December 3, 2021, Governor Wolf had already made the decision to remove the Commonwealth's masking order to be effective on January 17, 2022, and Charter Arts would continue to require universal mask-wearing as recommended by the CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health until *at least* that date.

**Charter Arts' position remains the same at this time, and we will continue to require masks for students, staff, and guests in our building until further notice.** As we have done throughout this pandemic, the Charter Arts Administrative Team, School Nurse, and Trainer will continue to stay in close communication with the Bethlehem Health Bureau and will continue to review and update our Health and Safety plans accordingly as needed based on COVID case counts in Northampton County and the other counties where our students reside.

### **January 3, 2022 - Update: No School for Students**

Charter Arts will extend our winter break for students one additional day, and classes at Charter Arts will now resume after winter break on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Employees will be in the building transitioning back into their classrooms after break, and we will utilize this time to complete additional required employee training. This will also give our health room an additional day to process any communications that must be addressed in advance of our return to school.

### To confirm:

- **Thurs., Dec. 23, 2021 will be an 11:00am dismissal for students; employees will be dismissed at noon.**
- **Employees will return to Charter Arts on Mon., January 3, 2022.**
- **Students will return to in-person instruction at Charter Arts on Tues., January 4, 2022.**

Finally, we surveyed our student body at the end of quarter 1 to get their feedback on our school year thus far, and now we want to hear from our families! **Click [HERE](#) to complete an OPTIONAL family survey.** Your feedback is important to us as we celebrate our current successes and identify areas in which we can continue to grow and improve. This survey will remain open for submissions until 5pm on Friday, December 17, 2021.

We wish you all a very happy holiday season, and we hope to see you at our upcoming performances this week.

Best,  
*The Admin Team*

### Mission Statement

*The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts provides a unique environment that fosters a creative, rigorous academic approach to learning and a development of talents in the arts. Built on passion, discipline and a commitment to excellence, this integrative educational experience inspires all students to believe in who they are and in what they can accomplish.*