

Suffolk Region Education Report:

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Much in the Education world continues to revolve around the mask mandates. This debate heated up in late January when a court decided that the governor's mask mandate was unlawful and children were allowed to attend school without masks at parents discretion. The next day a higher court reinstated the mandate until such time as an appeal could be heard. The appeal is still pending. In the meantime, because of lower numbers, the governor has begun to roll back some mask mandates in public places. This gives hope that optional masks in schools may be coming.

After meeting with the governor the NYS PTA released these remarks stating their position on masks and other COVID 19 protocols in schools.

<https://nyspta.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Gov-Hochul-meeting-comments-from-NYS-PTA-President-to-Gov-Hochul-02082022.pdf>

School Budgets: NOW is the time to give your input on next year's schools budget!!!! Your local board of education is beginning to hold their meetings to formulate next year's budget. Once the budget is released, it's too late. Attend meetings now and give your input.

January 19, 2022 The NYS Board of Regents announced it will be partnering with GED Testing Services to expand computer based testing options for the High School Equivalency exam.

<http://www.nysed.gov/news/2022/expanded-high-school-equivalency-testing-options-be-available-2022-and-beyond>