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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Approval of Interim Language Regarding the Indoor Mask Mandate for the Cambridge Public Schools

Recommendation: That the School Committee approve the following interim language regarding the indoor mask mandate for the Cambridge Public Schools:

CPS in collaboration with the Cambridge Public Health Department and the Superintendent’s Health, Safety & Facilities Working Group, will evaluate its mask mandate following the winter break and determine whether it needs to be amended or lifted based on health trends, the status of the state and city’s indoor mask mandate and vaccination rates, particularly among the 5-11 and 12 and over age groups

Description: Section A-5 of the Safety and Facilities Manual states that "Masks will be universally required indoors at CPS at the start of the 20-21 school year. The mask requirement will be in place for the first semester of the school year which ends in January." The Safety and Facilities working group has met to review this mandate and has made the following recommendation. It is recommended that the School Committee approve the interim language of the Safety and Facilities working group until the working group conducts a more informed review during January.

Respectfully Submitted,

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