



April 1, 2021

Dear Orenda Public Charter School Families,

As you may already be aware, the Governor made an announcement earlier this month rescinding the statewide mask mandate, effective March 10th. Masks are still required per TEA, however, local school boards can agree to modify the mask requirements. Our board will be discussing the criteria needed to modify the mask requirement at the next regularly scheduled board meeting. To assist us in this process, we are asking all Orenda families to fill out this anonymous [Orenda Family Survey](#). Please complete only one survey per family no later than **Thursday, April 8th**. The data gathered in the survey will be compiled and presented at the next board meeting to guide decisions on mask requirements going forward.

We are continuing frequent coordination with local health departments on updates to COVID protocols. The CDC along with state and local health departments are still advising the use of masks as an important step to mitigate the spread of COVID in communities and schools. Data supports that masks help reduce the spread of COVID in the community and schools.

At this time, we will continue to require masks for all individuals at our campuses. We appreciate your continued diligence in wearing face coverings to help prevent the spread of COVID and protect our staff and students.

Stay safe and well,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Carla Silber'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carla Silber
Superintendent/COO
Orenda Public Charter School District