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**STATEMENTS FROM SARATOGA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CHAIRMAN THEODORE T. KUSNIERZ, JR. & COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC  
HEALTH DR. DANIEL KUHLES REGARDING NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL  
MASK MANDATE ENDING**

**Theodore T. Kusnierz, Jr., Town of Moreau Supervisor and Saratoga County Board of Supervisors Chairman** said, "Saratoga County has been a staunch advocate for the freedom of choice regarding the wearing of masks, especially for parents of our students. Lifting the mask mandate for schools, which will allow for the unmasking of our children effective March 2, is long overdue but very good news. New York State's shift to providing counties more control over masking policies is a welcome one and Saratoga County will leave the masking of school children in the hands of parents. As we have said since the beginning of the pandemic, Saratoga County will continue to promote policies that support personal responsibility and freedom of choice."

**Dr. Daniel Kuhles, Commissioner of Saratoga County Public Health Services** said, "Saratoga County is in a better place today because of all the hard work that's been done by residents of our communities. Months ago, Saratoga County Public Health Services (SCPHS) began to focus on the severity of disease and its impact on the local healthcare system instead of case counts and percent positivity. Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. COVID-19 has had significant social, emotional, and educational consequences and SCPHS will continue its work with schools to support the health of students and families."

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