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Memo To: MBTA Parents and Students
From: Diana Oshiro, Principal
Re: COVID-19 Update

It has been a long, arduous journey through the past two years of COVID restrictions. However, we can finally see the "light at the end of this tunnel."

According to Hawaii Dept. of Education Superintendent Keith Hayashi, "...The Hawai'i State Department of Education (HIDOE) will be updating its COVID-19 safety protocols to make outdoor masking at public school campuses and HIDOE facilities optional for students, faculty and staff, **effective March 9, 2022**. Indoor masking will continue to be required."

In addition, Governor Ige has issued a press release announcing the termination of all Safe Travel Hawaii requirements for domestic travelers. International travelers will still be required COVID test and quarantine until such time the Governor determines it no longer is necessary. **This information is important to all students and families who intend to travel out of state during the spring intercession.** Please remember spring intercession is the week of March 14 which will still demand adherence to the Safe Travel Hawaii requirements until March 25, 2022. Here is the link to Governor Ige's press release:

<https://governor.hawaii.gov/newsroom/office-of-the-governor-news-release-governor-ige-announces-end-to-travel-quarantine-safe-travels-hawai%CA%BBi-in-late-march/>

May I ask that we all continue to be vigilant and know that MBTA is well prepared to provide education without compromising the health and safety of our school community members. Additional questions may be directed to Principal Oshiro (msoshiro@ethompson.org or 441-8001)

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