



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Helming Statement on No Mask Requirement for Summer School

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“The Department of Health’s decision to lift the mask mandate for students attending summer school is the outcome we have been fighting for. I was proud to fight alongside our local parents, Superintendents, teachers, social workers and other support staff to end the mask mandate and give our school districts the ability to make these decisions locally, based on the science and data, and our children’s health and well-being. I thank everyone for their advocacy. Now, the Department of Health must release clear guidance for the coming school year, and let our school districts do what they do best – educate and care for their students.”

Senator Helming [called on the Governor’s office and the New York State Department of Health to immediately end the mask mandate](#) for schoolchildren as summer school and school camp programs begin.