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## Senate Republican Leader Rob Ortt Calls on Governor Cuomo to Ease Mask Mandates in Schools

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New York State Senate Republican Rob Ortt today penned a letter to Governor Cuomo urging him to ease mask mandates in schools, particularly as new COVID cases are at record lows and temperatures are expected to increase dramatically next week.

“We are heading into the summer months, and with temperatures expected to soar into the 90s throughout New York State next week, it’s time to ease the mask mandate in our schools.

At a minimum, you should empower local school districts to make these decisions in consultation with local health officials, parents and staff. Many of our school buildings do not have air conditioning, so to require face coverings in dangerous temperatures will be detrimental not only to their physical health, but also to their ability to focus and learn,” Leader Ortt wrote.

Under guidance released by the New York State Department of Health on April 9th of this year, schools across New York State are still required to mandate mask wearing for children and staff while on school grounds and in school facilities.

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