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## Statement From Senate Republican Leader Rob Ortt

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For more than two years, Senate Republicans have been fighting alongside parents and students to end the ridiculous mandates made possible by Governor Hochul's endless COVID-19 Emergency Executive authority.

This gubernatorial power-grab has made New York students an outlier, forced to endure senseless restrictions, while their peers across the country return to a normal post-pandemic environment. More and more New Yorkers are beginning to see the danger of One-Party-Rule governance every day.

Today's announcement is a long overdue victory for parents and students across New York. I am glad the Governor finally heeded my call to drop COVID restrictions in schools. I now call on her to drop ALL the restrictions and end the emergency today.

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