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**SMMUSD to Hold Special Board Meeting
on March 9, 2022**

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education will hold a special board meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

During the meeting, staff will recommend aligning its indoor masking protocols with those of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, making indoor masking in TK-12 and childcare settings strongly recommended – rather than required – effective Monday, March 14.

The district held a health symposium webinar on March 7 to explain the science behind the rationale to update this particular COVID-19 safety measure protocol. Health experts and Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati, moderated by Senator Ben Allen, reviewed COVID-19 data at the state, county, and school district level. The webinar was recorded and can be viewed [online](#).

During the special meeting, staff will also share details of the data from the recent survey the district sent to families, staff, and secondary school students gauging their interest in updating the indoor masking guidelines.

There will also be an item on the agenda regarding adopting new science textbooks for SMMUSD elementary schools. This item was postponed from the previous regular board meeting.

The next regular board meeting will be on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

This agenda for the special meeting will be posted on the [district's website](#). The link to the Zoom meeting can be found at the top of the agenda.

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