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2021-2022 Safe Return Plan

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This is a copy of our school district's draft 2021-2022 Safe Return Plan requirement. Different from last year's Restart Plan requirement, I am charged to provide short answer responses to eight areas and to also invite comment from stakeholders. Please review this plan and consider sending me your comments to my email address below.

Comment is sought from all stakeholders by sharing this plan through communications from the school district, posting on the school district website, and public comment during Board of Education meetings.

We have just completed an extraordinary school year remaining open five days a week with very few pivots to full remote instruction while following all health and safety protocols. We look forward to continued success in the upcoming school year while maintaining all recommended and required health and safety protocols.

Sincerely,

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1. Universal and correct wearing of masks

As we did throughout this current school year five days a week, in the 2021-2022 school year, we will follow the most current recommendations and requirements of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), and Governor's Executive Orders with fidelity and without exception.

While mask wearing protocol has been relaxed outdoors, we currently maintain wearing of masks at all times when approaching the building and inside the building.

2. Physical distancing

As we did throughout this current school year five days a week, in the 2021-2022 school year, we will follow the most current recommendations and requirements of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), New

Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), and Governor's Executive Orders with fidelity and without exception.

We currently maintain 6 feet of physical distancing approaching the building, in the hallways, and in classroom desk placement separation. For added protection, each desk and table has three sided, clear plexiglass panels. Mask wearing is maintained at all times behind the plexiglass unless eating or drinking.

3. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

As we did throughout this current school year five days a week, in the 2021-2022 school year, we will follow the most current recommendations and requirements of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), and Governor's Executive Orders with fidelity and without exception.

Handwashing protocol begins upon entering the building where temperatures are checked and hands are sanitized before entering the building. The procedure is repeated when leaving the building. In between arrival and dismissal, staff facilitate frequent hand washing/hand sanitizing breaks as scheduled and as needed.

4. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation

As we did throughout this current school year five days a week, in the 2021-2022 school year, we will follow the most current recommendations and requirements of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), and Governor's Executive Orders with fidelity and without exception.

While our building is completely climate controlled, we will be utilizing the largest portion of our CRRSA and ESSER grant funding to completely update our entire HVAC system to remain in compliance with all codes and requirements.

We diligently cleaned and sanitized every room in the building every day which was a contributing factor to remaining open five days a week the entire school year. That will continue in 2021-2022.

5. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine in collaboration with the state, local, territorial, or tribal health departments

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We have become effective and efficient in contract tracing every confirmed positive case of COVID-19 and every presumed positive case of COVID-19. Upon completion of contract tracing we direct isolation and quarantine as appropriate in conjunction with a remote instruction option to maintain provision of the educational program. Current quarantine requirements for students with two or more symptoms include testing for COVID-19, return in 7 days asymptomatic if negative, return in 10 days asymptomatic if positive. There is no "testing out" of quarantine.

6. Diagnostic and screening testing

As we did throughout this current school year five days a week, in the 2021-2022 school year, we will follow the most current recommendations and requirements of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), New

Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), and Governor's Executive Orders with fidelity and without exception.

Our diagnostic and screening includes temperature scans at arrival and dismissal as well as School Nurse assessment when symptoms present after the student and/or staff member of concern is placed in a COVID-19 holding room until cleared or sent home with instructions for testing.

7. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students if eligible

As we did throughout this current school year five days a week, in the 2021-2022 school year, we will follow the most current recommendations and requirements of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), and Governor's Executive Orders with fidelity and without exception.

We have provided multiple and ongoing opportunities to staff for vaccination and we will continue to do so. Student vaccination opportunities are just now presenting and we will extend that information as well.

8. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies

As we did throughout this current school year five days a week, in the 2021-2022 school year, we will follow the most current recommendations and requirements of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), and Governor's Executive Orders with fidelity and without exception.

I am very proud to report that we have provided accommodations for every child with a disability, both in person and remote, to provide their full IEP driven educational program. We will remain vigilant to maintain the important achievement in the 2021-2022 school year.