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FAIRLAWN LOCAL SCHOOLS

SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICE PLAN

2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

The recently passed American Rescue Plan (ARP) provides substantial federal resources to support states and local school districts. Recent federal guidance clarifies expectations for states and districts, including the development of a state plan that must be approved by the U.S. Department of Education before the remaining one-third of the federal funds can be allocated. In addition, each local school district must develop a local plan which contains the required elements which are listed below. This plan must be posted on the school district website.

Required elements of local plans. The federal requirements go on to identify the elements of the most up-to-date Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance that must be addressed in the plan:

1. Each LEA plan includes, or will be modified to include the extent to which it has adopted policies and a description of any such policies on each of the following mitigation strategies:
 - Universal and correct wearing of masks;
 - Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding);
 - Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;
 - Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;
 - Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the state, local, territorial or tribal health departments;
 - Diagnostic and screening testing;
 - Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff and students, if eligible; and
 - Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies.
2. Each LEA plan describes how it will ensure continuity of services including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health and other needs, which may include student health and food services.
3. The LEA periodically reviews, no less frequently than every six months for the duration of the ARP ESSER grant period (i.e., through September 30, 2023), and revises its plan as appropriate.
4. The LEA seeks public input and takes such input into account on (1) whether revisions are necessary and, if so, (2) the revisions to the plan.
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Fairlawn Local School District is committed to providing the best possible education to all students in a safe and healthy environment. The Fairlawn Board of Education, along with the administration and staff, believe that in person learning provides the best opportunity for students to continue to advance academically and to make up for any learning that may have been lost or delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic and related disruptions in the spring of 2020. The 20-21 school year opened for full time in-person instruction on August 28 (following two days of hybrid learning so that students could be acclimated to the changes that needed to be made for students to remain safe.) January 4-15, 2021, Fairlawn also implemented a hybrid model in an effort to control the possible spread of the virus following the holidays. The majority of the 20-21 school year, Fairlawn students attended full in-person learning. Students did have the option to participate in on-line learning with supports, if parents felt that this would be the safest option for their children. Less than 2% of the student population took advantage of this option. Taking this approach enabled our students to return to a normal routine which was important for the mental and emotional well-being of faculty and students. In-person learning provided our special needs students with all of the services in accordance with state and federal law.

Fairlawn Local School District plans to continue to provide in-person learning during the 2021-22 school year and will continue to comply with the CDC, ODH, and Shelby County Health Department orders. Fairlawn will continue to work with the Shelby County Health Department to comply with all necessary safety protocols.

UNIVERSAL AND CORRECT WEARING OF MASKS

The Fairlawn Local School District will follow all recommendations from the CDC, Ohio Department of Health and Shelby County Department of Health regarding masks. Signage will be posted on the correct wearing of masks. The wearing of masks or facial coverings is currently voluntary; however, it is recommended for those who have elevated health risks or who have not been vaccinated. In the event that a student or staff member needs a mask, they will be available in the office. The Superintendent reserves the right to require masks for all students and staff in the event of increased covid cases within Fairlawn Local School District.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

The Fairlawn Local School District will continue to utilize a 3-6 feet physical distance protocol in the classrooms, gymnasiums and in the lunchrooms, when practical. We also have signage posted to remind everyone the importance of physical distancing.

HANDWASHING

In accordance with CDC guidelines <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html> handwashing will be encouraged and practiced throughout the building. Signage will be posted throughout the building. There are multiple hand sanitizers placed throughout the building. Hand sanitizer is provided in every classroom, office and common areas.

CLEANING AND MAINTAINING HEALTHY FACILITIES

Fairlawn Local School District has provided training to maintenance and custodial staff use electrostatic disinfectant sprayers throughout the facilities and on the buses. The building is sprayed daily. Extra care is taken to clean the cafeteria area between lunch periods.

Hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the building. All classrooms are provided with sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizers.

Staff and student training has been provided so that classrooms are kept clean throughout the day.

When possible, in order to increase air flow, bus windows will be opened and vents will be opened.

Air filters are changed annually and have a MERV rating of 5.

Throughout the year, when school is not in session, the building is thoroughly cleaned and sanitized.

CONTRACT TRACING, ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE

Fairlawn Local School District will follow recommendations from the CDC, Ohio Department of Health, and the Shelby County Department of Health regarding contract tracing, isolation, and quarantine. If required, district office personnel will monitor absences and conduct contact tracing for staff and students. If required, this information will be reported to the Shelby County Health Department.

DIAGNOSTIC AND SCREENING TESTING

Fairlawn Local School District will follow the recommendations from the Shelby County Department of Health in order to determine how to proceed with suspected cases based on symptoms and professional assessment. The district will not conduct any type of testing on-site.

VACCINATIONS

Fairlawn Local School District collaborated with the Shelby County Health Department and Wilson Health during the 2020-21 school year to make vaccinations available and convenient for interested staff members. The district will defer to the Health Department and district parents to determine the best path forward for individual student vaccinations.

APPROPRIATE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CHILD WITH DISABILITIES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES WITH RESPECT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES.

Based on the individual health and safety needs of our students with disabilities, Fairlawn Local School District will make the necessary accommodations so that each child will be provided FAPE. We will work closely with each family in individual special needs. Remote learning will be provided if deemed medically necessary. Appropriate PPE will be provided if this is required for the student to safely attend in person classes. All staff members have access to TEAMS as well as zoom in order to provide appropriate instruction.

CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

Fairlawn Local School District will continue full in-person learning for the 21-22 school year. In the event that our school had to close, we are fully prepared to continue providing instruction online using TEAMS. All students have access to school owned computers and we will have hotspots at various locations for those students who need Wi-Fi access. Using ESSER funds, we have purchased additional computers for student use. We have surveyed parents of all students to determine internet accessibility and the number of computers in each household. Our staff has received extensive training in delivering effective content virtually.

The district provides IXL, MAP, and DIBELS testing to assess students in grades K-12 to ensure that students are making adequate progress as expected. Results of this testing are used to determine areas of deficiency so that appropriate individual progress is being made. We have added two licensed educators to work with those students who were behind academically due to school closure in the spring of 2020. We plan to continue this if test results indicate interventions are necessary.

We have applied for a 21st Century grant that will provide before and after school programming for those at-risk students during the 21-22 school year.

We provide facilitated PLATO online learning for those students needing credit recovery.

We provided summer school for Pre-K-8 students for those students who needed extra supports.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS

Fairlawn Local School District staff has been trained in Positive Behavior Intervention supports (P-12). Fairlawn Elementary implements PAX as one program to implement PBIS. Grades 6-12 are in the process of planning and preparing to fully implement a PBIS approach for the 21-22 school year.

We have purchased Suite 360 with the support of the Tri-County Mental Health Board. This has been implemented K-12.

We also partner with Shelby County Family Resource Center who provides a licensed social worker one day per week to work with individuals who would benefit from counseling services.

We also participate in the IMPACT program to help students who need social and emotional supports.

STUDENT HEALTH

Fairlawn Local School District partners with the Shelby County Health Department who provides a nurse to work with our nurse's aide and provides supports for mandatory screenings, helps make certain vaccination records are up-to-date and guidance during the pandemic.

We partner with Wilson Health to provide an athletic trainer to work directly with our student athletes and to provide supports as needed.

All students were eligible to receive free lunch and free breakfast during the 20-21 school year and this will continue during the 21-22 school year. Those students who chose to do online learning were eligible to receive reimbursement so meals could be purchased while completing online learning. During closure, meals were delivered to students. In addition, our FCCLA helps support those students who need meals on the weekends by providing food through a backpack program.

REVIEW OF PLAN

This plan was developed in June 2021. Fairlawn Local school District will continue to assess and modify this plan in accordance with state and local guidelines. This plan will be reviewed at least semi-annually over the next two years. Input from the public is welcome. This plan is posted on the Fairlawn Local School District webpage.