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USD 423 Draft Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services 6.18.21

This plan will change and evolve as the 2021-22 school year approaches

PART I.

Describe how the district will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC:

(A) Universal and correct wearing of masks.

We do not intend to wear masks at USD 423. That being said, we will use a variety of factors to determine if masks are necessary for any of our students or staff. Decisions for mandating masks will be made by a vote of the Board of Education with input from local doctors, county health officials, and CDC/KDHE guidance. If the CDC, state, and county health department officials require the use of masks next year, all staff and students will be trained and/or retrained on mask protocols. The district will have masks available for students and staff when needed.

(B) Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding).

The superintendent will monitor the covid positivity rate and number of positive cases in our district to make decisions on implementing physical distancing. Desks will be spaced for maximum social distancing. Extra furniture in classrooms will need approval by administration.

(C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.

Students will wash hands before lunch and will use hand sanitizer on a regular basis throughout the day. Hand sanitizer stations will be maintained at every exterior door where students and staff regularly enter and exit. Sanitizer stations will also be set up at lunch lines for additional opportunities to sanitize. All classrooms will be continually stocked with at least 2 sanitizer dispensers to make sure it is easily available to students in their rooms.

Furthermore, breaks will be taken throughout individual classrooms and the day in order to sanitize hands and break from masks if masks are mandated.

(D) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.

Every classroom is sanitized every morning. Sanitizer guns were used to shoot droplets that envelope all surfaces. Desks will be cleaned at least daily. High touch surfaces such as door knobs, water fountains, and handrails will be wiped down throughout the day by custodial staff. Fresh air intakes will be opened on applicable HVAC units to maximize ventilation.

(E) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.

We will follow all quarantine and isolation directives from our county health officer. In the event of a positive case of COVID 19, our health staff will conduct internal contact tracing and we will remove unvaccinated close contacts from school for 10 days, or 7 days with a negative test on the 7th day. If a student is demonstrating Covid-19 type symptoms, they will be referred to the appropriate staff for further assessment. The district will work with parents and local medical personnel to refer students for appointments or to be tested. All state and local health recommendations will be followed.

(F) Diagnostic and screening testing.

USD 423 will continue to partner with families, local healthcare providers, nursing homes, and the county health officer to collaboratively utilize locations for diagnostic and screening tests.

(G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.

We will continue to make our students and staff aware of opportunities to be vaccinated in our community. The local schools have been a central location for local family practice to provide vaccinations for the public. The district hopes to continue this into the 2021-2022 school year.

(H) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.

We will work with our special education staff to ensure that our special education students have full access to appropriate educational supports even if we are forced to alter our delivery model. Additional steps will be taken on a daily basis to ensure students are in an appropriate setting and receiving agreed upon services.

(I) Coordination with State and local health officials.

The superintendent will continue to monitor information available from KSDE and KDHE to ensure that the district is ready for statewide changes to policies or recommendations. The superintendent will also communicate with the county health officer on a regular basis to monitor the current situation in the county and district. These guidelines will be shared with parents and patrons as soon as information is disseminated to the school district and staff.

Part II.

Describe how the district will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to:

(A) services to address students' academic needs

Student progress will be measured via benchmarking. The district is using ESSER funds to improve our ability to deliver explicit instruction with interventionists. In the event of a widespread breakout we will return to our hybrid plan.

(B) students' and staff social, emotional, mental health

The social, emotional, and mental health needs are evident within our district. The district has decided to hire a social worker to help students and their families deal with the stresses of the pandemic. The social worker will work collaboratively with the counselor to focus on students' and staffs' social, emotional, and mental health. The goal would be the counselor and social worker become resources for the entire district, introducing staff to various resources. In addition, each one will work with individual students, small groups, and classrooms to help meet needs.

(C) other needs, which may include student health and food services.

School breakfast and lunch will be provided to any student who needs meals. Meals are free for all students during the 2021-2022 school year. The district collaborates with McPherson to run this summer meal program. During the school year, we have contingency plans and materials for quickly changing to grab and go meals if a shutdown is required.