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USD #416 Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services for the 2021-2022 School Year

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:

The Louisburg School District does not have a mask requirement. For staff, students and visitors that wish to wear a mask or face covering, they may do so while on school campuses.

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

Appropriate distancing is not required. For those staff, students and visitors who would like to physical distance, they may do so while on school campuses.

(C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.

Handwashing and respiratory etiquette will continue to be taught to students. Individuals are encouraged to wash hands or use hand sanitizer. Hands should be washed or sanitized before and after using shared supplies. Covering coughs and sneezes are always recommended. In addition, hand sanitizing stations and liquids will continue to be made available for use in all classrooms.

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

Custodial staff have been and will continue to follow specific cleaning protocols and procedures. We will continue to consider assignments/reassignments to applicable shifts in order to continually clean high traffic and high contact surfaces. We will continue to monitor ventilation efficiency and effectiveness for opportunities to continually improve air quality.

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

All contact tracing will be performed by The Miami County Health Department and/or The Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

(F) Diagnostic and screening testing.

Students, staff, and community members can access COVID-19 diagnostic or screening tests through a variety of community partners.

(G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.

Our district will participate and partner with vaccination efforts in accordance with state and federal law for staff and eligible student groups. The District will not refuse, withhold from, or deny a person any services, goods, facilities, advantages, privileges, licensing, educational opportunities, health care access, or employment opportunities based on the person's COVID-19 vaccination status.

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

Specific student health needs are addressed through a student health plan.

(I) Coordination with State and local health officials.

Applicable district personnel currently participate, and will continue to participate, with our local county health department and/or agencies on a frequent basis to determine next steps as needed.

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

(A) Services to address students' academic needs

Our district plans to continue full time, in-person instruction beginning the fall of 2021. Additional instructional personnel have been added or reassigned where possible to implement further academic recovery efforts in core curriculum areas. Where possible, specialists, paraeducators, and educational consultants will be available and utilized during the instructional day, on professional development days, and/or during before and after school tutoring programs throughout the year to support students.

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

Our district has K-12 staff to monitor and address the social and emotional learning needs of our students. We will continue to partner with social workers and local mental health services with the goal of helping students and families overcome obstacles with connecting to school. Our district will begin a yearlong professional development series around the 7 Mindsets.

Our district has provided staff with opportunities for social and emotional supports through our district's participation with an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provider. Staff social and emotional wellness and mental health are also considered in district communications and staff committees.

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

Free meals will be made available for all eligible youth this summer and during the 2021-2022 school year. Families may also be in contact with their child's school for any other health or food service needs.