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June 24, 2021

Troy City Schools is planning to open school in the fall of the 2021-2022 school year as close to normal as possible while also providing a safe learning environment for all of our students and staff. It is our intention to work in collaboration with our local health department, state health department and CDC guidelines to keep our students and staff healthy. We will also closely monitor Covid-19 infection rates in our schools, city and community and adjust if needed. Our staff, students and families did a nice job of practicing our safety protocol in the 2020-2021 school year which led to our school remaining open for in-person learning most of the year.

This plan identifies the measure that the district will put into practice as well as the continuity of services to address the students' academic needs, students' and staff social emotional mental health and student health and food services.

Please reach out to the Troy City Schools Superintendent, Chris Piper at piper-c@troy.k12.oh.us or Assistant Superintendent, Michael Moore at moore-m@troy.k12.oh.us with any questions or input regarding our return to in-person instruction and continuity of services plan.

Safety Measures

Masks - Mask usage is not required but it is recommended, particularly for all students and staff not vaccinated. Troy City Schools will continue to monitor guidance of our local health department, state health department and the CDC regarding the wearing of masks in our schools. We will also closely monitor Covid-19 infection rates in our schools, city and community and adjust if needed.

Physical Distancing - Troy City Schools will return to pre-pandemic protocols but will continue to monitor guidance of our local health department, state health department and the CDC regarding the need to socially distance in our schools. We will also closely monitor Covid-19 infection rates in our schools, city and community and adjust if needed.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette - Troy City Schools will continue to reinforce and teach appropriate hand washing and respiratory etiquette. Materials and supplies for students and staff will continue to be provided. Help and support will be provided for students with disabilities.

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities - We will return to pre-pandemic facility cleaning protocols . Windows will be opened when appropriate to achieve air circulation in our buildings. Students will continue to have access to bottle filling stations.

Contact Tracing - Troy City Schools will continue to follow the guidance of our local health department, state health department and the CDC regarding appropriate contact tracing procedures. We will also continue to follow the guidance of our local health department, state health department regarding isolation and quarantine procedures.

Diagnostic and Screening Testing - Troy City Schools will continue to suggest and offer referrals to students and staff that exhibit symptoms of Covid-19. According to the CDC, “The presence of any of the symptoms below generally suggests a student, teacher, or staff member has an infectious illness and should not attend school, regardless of whether the illness is COVID-19. For students, staff, and teachers with chronic conditions, symptom presence should represent a change from their typical health status to warrant exclusion from school. Occurrence of any of the [symptoms](#) below while a student, teacher, or staff member is at school suggests the person may be referred for diagnostic testing.

- A temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
- Sore throat

- Cough (for students with chronic cough due to allergies or asthma, a change in their cough from baseline)
- Difficulty breathing (for students with asthma, a change from their baseline breathing)
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- New loss of taste or smell
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

Efforts to Provide Vaccinations to Educators, Other Staff and Students if Eligible - Troy City Schools will continue to work in partnership with our local health department and local health providers to communicate vaccination opportunities to our staff and students. We will also use our facilities when possible to help facilitate vaccination clinics.

Appropriate Accommodations for Children with Disabilities with Respect to the Health and Safety Policies - Troy City Schools will make all necessary and appropriate accommodations to ensure children with disabilities have access to all health and safety measures.

Continuity of Services

Troy City Schools Activities to Meet the Academic Needs of Our Students

Spring 2021

- Use the following data sources to identify students for interventions for specific learning objectives and skills:
 - iReady Diagnostic Assessment
 - Tier 3 students on Composite Scales Score
 - Reading Units of Study Assessments (BAS and/or Running Record Reading Assessments)
 - Credit deficiencies
 - Attendance
- Continue to use student achievement and growth data to drive instruction, identify students who need additional help and deliver planned interventions across all tiers of instruction.
- Grades 7 & 8:
 - Continue to build and promote after school activities such as Homework Helper.
 - Involve the athletics department to develop study tables.
- Grades 9 -12:
 - Identify students in need of additional support for 2021-2022. EVAAS, grades, teacher rec., and other pertinent data points.

Summer 2021

- Use student achievement and growth data to develop remediation plans across all tiers of instruction at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.

- Offer summer school for credit deficient high school students.
- Continue to partner with local agencies such as Troy Rec, The Lincoln Center and The Future Begins Today.
- Grades 9 -12:
 - Plan PD for differentiated instruction and personalized learning.
 - Review credits earned by students during the summer school opportunities. Allow for scheduling adjustments for students who earn back credits in the summer

Fall 2021

- Continue collection and analysis of student achievement and growth data to plan and adapt instruction across all tiers.
- Continue to offer credit recovery and support options at the high school level to get students back on track for graduation.
- Develop common formative assessments for high school courses.
- Continue to build and leverage community learning support (Lincoln Center, TFBT, Troy Rec, etc.)
- Grades K-8
 - Develop before and after school programs to offer additional learning support.
 - Grades 2 - 8 standards mastery assessment data
- Grades 9 -12:
 - Provide PD for differentiated instruction and personalized learning.
 - Monitor interventions provided to students in terms of effectiveness in closing gaps and/or ensuring that they stay on track to earn credits/obtain necessary EOC scores required for graduation.

Troy City Schools Activities to Meet the Social, Emotional, Mental Health and Other Needs of Our Students.

Spring 2021

- Teachers will continue to observe students throughout the school day to identify students with Social Emotional needs and make referrals to school counselors for additional support.
- During the school day Counselors will continue to meet with small groups and individuals who need support.
- School-based Social-Emotional Behavioral Health Therapists (through partnership with Miami County ESC) Therapists will continue to provide support to students who have been referred by the district.
- PBIS will continue to be implemented throughout each building
- Panorama SEL survey will be administered to all students grades 3-12

- Teaching of Zones of Regulation in grades K-5
- Introduction to Zones of Regulation in grade 6
- Second Step digital access
- Counselors will continue to make referrals for students who may require ongoing mental health support.

Summer 2021

- Analyze Panorama SEL survey results 3-6
- Offer professional development for administration on Zones of Regulation
- Plan PBIS restart for 2021-2022 school year

Fall 2021

- Panorama SEL survey will be administered to all students grades 3-12 and results will be reviewed.
- Staff will continue to communicate with families about concerns of students.
- Continue PBIS implementation
- Counselor led Second Step (evidence based approach to SEL with age-appropriate lessons)
- Teaching of Zones of Regulation school wide.

Student Health and Food Service

All of Troy City Schools have a clinic and are staffed with clinic assistants to monitor student health and communicate with families. All Troy students will be provided free lunch and breakfast for the 2021-2022 school year through a federal grant.

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American Rescue Plan - ESSER III

Local Use of Funds

8-20-21

As part of the American Rescue Plan, Troy City Schools will utilize the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER III) funds for the following items from March 13, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

Troy City Schools will use approximately \$1.8 million dollars for teachers to staff the Troy Online Academy and staff to provide intervention for high school students that are credit deficient. If we have funds available we also will use these dollars for staff to reduce classroom size to address student loss of learning. Troy City Schools will continue to diagnose and evaluate student learning loss to determine additional needs for student intervention.

Troy City Schools will use approximately \$1.67 million dollars for supplies in the following areas to allow for the safe operation of school and to address student learning loss and support online learning:

- Safety and mitigation supplies, such as cleaning materials, hand sanitizer, etc. to allow for the safe operation of school.
- Technology to support online learning and our district 1:1 initiative which includes chromebooks, our learning management system, online learning tools and assessments.
- High quality assessments tools and high quality instructional tools to diagnose student learning and provide tools to address student learning loss.
- Online learning security tools and communication tools to maintain collaboration with families.

Troy City Schools will use \$1 million dollars to improve large student learning spaces to allow for more space and help address student learning loss. These funds will also be used to improve air filtering, ventilation and overall air quality where possible and feasible in our district facilities.

This plan is to utilize funds over the course of three years. This plan will be continually evaluated and adjusted to address the needs of the district.

Please call the Troy City Schools Board of Education office with any questions.