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COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Reopening Plan

Purpose:

Purpose of this document is to communicate the District plan with students, parents, and employees for safely reopening schools in Wasatch County School District in August 2020.

How was the Plan Made:

- Based upon Wasatch County School District's Mission Statement:
 - *Ensuring all students obtain all the knowledge, skills, and dispositions that will enable them to reach their personal goals and be a productive contributing member of our society.*
- In conjunction with the Wasatch County Health Department.
- Incorporating the Utah State Board of Education's requirements and recommendations for returning to school, as approved by the governor.
- In consideration of our parent and employee surveys, which shared recommendations, and expressed concerns, regarding school reopening plans.

Summary of our Plan:

- Students will be in school for face-to-face instruction every day with a normal schedule.
- Normal bus routes will take place.
- Lunch will be served daily.
- Mitigation plan designed to slow the spread of COVID 19:
 - All employees and students urged to stay home when sick
 - Increased cleaning protocols
 - Increased hygiene protocols
 - Face coverings will be required for all faculty, students, and visitors
 - Protocols for faculty and students that test positive, as outlined by health department
- Flexibility will be provided for parents and students that wish to emphasize social distancing, avoid large group areas like lunchrooms, etc.
- Flexibility will be provided for parents and students that would prefer to have their learning needs met online.

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Flexibility Within the Plan

1. **Hybrid Face-to-Face/At-Home learning:** Each level of school will implement a schedule that will allow for students to be in-school part-time to receive face-to-face instruction, and part-time at-home engaging in online instruction. Emphasis of face-to-face instruction will be the core subjects of math, literacy, science, and social studies.
2. **Online Learning:** A full time, district-supported online option will be provided for those wishing to engage in full-time learning from home.
 - a. **Elementary schools:** Wasatch Learning Academy, using the platform of Harmony Educational Services.
 - b. **Middle School:** Wasatch Learning Academy, using the platform of Harmony Educational Services.
 - c. **High School:** Using a combination of Canvas Courses and the platform Edgenuity.

Guiding Principles

1. **Maximize the Physical Well-Being of Students and Staff:** Although we realize we cannot stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we will put measures in place to mitigate (or limit) the spread of the virus. We will adhere to all the current guidelines issued by state and county officials to mitigate risk. We understand that there are varying comfort levels with the risk involved with the COVID-19 virus, and look to help parents, students, and staff feel safe upon their return to school. We recognize that plans may change in response to conditions associated with the pandemic.
2. **Maximize the Social and Emotional Well-Being of Students and Staff:** We recognize the potential negative social and emotional toll of the pandemic on students and staff. We believe that the interaction that takes place at school between teacher and student, as well as the interaction between students, is the best thing for the social and emotional well-being of students.
3. **Maximize Learning for all Students:** The mission of Wasatch County School District is: *Ensuring ALL students obtain all the essential knowledge, skills, and dispositions that will enable them to reach their personal goals and be a productive contributing member of our society.*

No matter the platform for delivering an education, we will stay focused on our mission. We recognize that different students learn in different ways. We believe that we can meet the learning needs of most students best by having teachers meet face-to-face with students.

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Guidelines for Staff

- Prepare to help all students be successful and remain positive, no matter the learning format.
- Wash or sanitize hands frequently. Have students sanitize or wash hands upon entering a classroom and leaving a classroom.
- Wear a face covering. This is expected for all staff in their classroom, as well as in all district and school buildings.
- Remain flexible with attendance.
- Accommodate individual learning needs, especially for those students that face higher health risks or have an IEP.
- Reach out to building administrator if you need individual accommodations made for your personal health and well-being.
- Assign seating to support contact tracing.

Staff Safety:

- Efforts will be taken to mitigate the spread of the COVID 19 virus.
- Staff will be given the necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) needed to help keep them safe.
- If special accommodations are needed, individual staff will work with their building-level administrator and Human Resources to consider options for that staff member.

Guidelines for Students:

- Prepare to engage in learning, no matter the format.
- Bring a personal water bottle to school each day (refill stations will be made available).
- Sanitize or wash hands frequently, with an emphasis on entering and exiting classroom, busses, schools, etc.
- Wear a face covering in accordance with the executive order given by Governor Herbert.
- Sit in assigned seats to support contact tracing.
- Plan on activities and athletics as scheduled, adhering to the approved guidelines and safety measures established for that event.

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Guidelines for Parents:

- Prepare to support your student(s) in a positive way throughout the year no matter the learning platform.
- Monitor your kid(s) daily for symptoms.
- Keep kid(s) home if they are sick.
- If you would like to volunteer in classrooms, you must check in at the front desk and be screened for symptoms.

Operational Guidelines:

- **Building/Classroom Cleaning**
 - Daily cleaning and sanitizing protocols will be set-up for each school in conjunction with the school principal.
 - Hand sanitizer and classroom cleaning supplies will be provided to each classroom. A cleaning protocol to wipe down desks between student transitions will be implemented by the classroom teacher.
- **Transportation:**
 - Bus drivers will wear masks.
 - A cleaning protocol will be established to wipe seats down when students transition.
 - Student seats will be assigned to support contact tracing.
 - Face coverings worn by all students.
- **Nutritional Services**
 - Lunch provided daily.
 - Lunch workers wear face coverings.
 - No self-service items.
- **Activities, assemblies, dances, field trips:**
 - School principals will review and consider each instance to determine the need and safety.
 - When held, a plan for health and safety will be created.

Monitoring Guidelines

- **Parents:**
 - Monitor students for symptoms daily.
 - If students show symptoms, they should be kept home.
 - If student tests positive, parent will be part of contact tracing.
 - If student shows symptoms at school, parent must come and pick-up student.
 - When parents volunteer at school, they must check-in at the front office and be screened for symptoms

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- **School:**
 - Communication to parents on how to self-monitor their kids each day.
 - If symptoms arise at school, students sent to designated wait zones.
 - Make exceptions for the attendance policy when appropriate.
 - Students/parents are given information on how to return to school.
 - When a faculty member or students tests positive, they are sent home until symptom-free for 72 hours and cleared by a health professional.
 - Have students wear masks so that when a student in the classroom tests positive, they get to stay in school
- **Faculty and Staff:**
 - If you feel sick, stay home
 - Learn how to self-screen on-site daily and enter it on the computer.
 - Once showing symptoms or testing positive, you may not return until cleared by a health professional.

Training Guidelines

- Wasatch County School District, in consultation with our nursing team, will continue to communicate safety guidelines and protocols, and will provide training and support for employees and students.
- Teachers will be supported through their teacher team, district professional learning opportunities, and academic learning coaches.
- School personnel at each school site will be available for questions or specific concerns.

Communication and Training Guidelines

- **District**
 - Develop districtwide plan and communicate plan to faculty, staff, and community.
 - Communicate district plan to USBE using state template (By August 1)
 - Write memos on: Protocols for positive cases, temporary closure, questions to ask before sending student to school, and best hygiene practice at home.
 - Train custodial staff, transportation, and nutritional services on protocols associated with the plan.
- **School**
 - Create school plan and communicate to school community
 - Communicate and train faculty on school plan.
 - Train students on new protocols associated with the school plan.
 - Designate a main contact person.

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School Dismissal: Return to On-Line Learning

In the event Wasatch County School District is required to dismiss school and have everyone move to online learning:

- Parents sent home communication by District and school.
- Computers and other resources sent home with students.
- Two days will be utilized to transition to on-line learning.