# WINONA-MONTGOMERY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan for SY 2023-2024 Dr. Howard Savage, Jr., Superintendent

Back to School Information Highlights:

- Students will report to school beginning August 3, 2023. Visit our website at <u>www.winonamontgomerycsd.com</u> for the district calendar and more information on a variety of topics.
- Students will participate in traditional face-to-face instruction.
- Masks and daily temperature checks will not be required.
- Proper handwashing techniques and hygiene will be taught and encouraged.
- Students experiencing symptoms of a communicable disease will be placed in an isolation room until they are picked up from school.
- All students will be eligible for free breakfast and lunch.
- Assemblies and field trips will resume.

As a requirement of the American Rescue Plan: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP/ESSER III) funding, the WMCSD plan addresses the topics listed in bold below.

# **ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING**

- Implement traditional face-to-face instruction
- Provide afterschool and summer school programs to help with learning loss
  - o Pay supplements to certified staff for afterschool and summer school programs
- Hire additional personnel such as academic interventionists
- Provide instructional coaching for teacher and administrator support
- Issue devices to students and teachers for enhanced learning experiences
- Use a variety of programs such as STAR Reading, STAR Math, and Edgenuity to monitor students' progress
- Conduct Needs Assessments through surveys, school based Professional Learning Community (PLC) meetings, and district leadership team meetings
- Elicit parental feedback at the school level

#### **OPERATIONS**

- Use Board approved school calendar for 2023-2024
- Follow guidance and best practices from the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) for cleaning and sanitizing the buildings and distributing meals
- Clean/disinfect buses after each route

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# **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Utilize AIM, the district's website and app by Apptegy, and SchoolStatus to help communicate health and safety issues or necessary changes to the district's regular operating schedule
- Use the district's email hotline tigertalk@winonaschools.net for questions and concerns
- Use various resources to educate students and their families on proper personal hygiene and sanitation practices

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- Hire additional personnel (counselor, social worker)
- Provide ongoing professional development for all school staff in the areas of reducing the spread of communicable diseases and improving Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
- Collaborate with Mental Health agencies
- Provide educational materials and resources to address social, emotional, mental health, and other needs of students and staff
- Provide access to support services (School-Based Counselors and Social Worker plus LifeHelp therapists)
- Replace outdated HVAC systems as needed
- Replace windows as needed
- Recommend self-screening at home by both students and staff
- Adhere to CDC and MSDH guidelines/recommendations for mask wearing and social distancing strategies for large gatherings (extracurricular/events) based on the CDC and Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) guidelines

## **TECHNOLOGY**

- Provide devices and software to enhance in-person and virtual learning
- Conduct Needs Assessments quarterly through surveys, PLCs and Leadership Team Meetings
- Conduct Semi-annual Equipment Quality checks

This plan is subject to change based on the Mississippi Department of Education and/or state officials.