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General Statement on Return to School Plans:

It is the intention of the Valley Local School District to return to full in-person learning, for all students in grades Preschool through grade twelve, commencing on the first day of the 2021/22 school calendar. All guidelines issued from the Ohio Department of Health, CDC guidance, and the Local Health Department will be adhered to. The plan will include to operate on a five day per week basis following the board approved school calendar.

Plan Elements and Strategies:

<u>Strategy</u>	<u>Description</u>
Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks	The school district will follow all current CDC, Ohio Department of Health, and Scioto County Health Department guidance as it is updated for masking requirements, for both students and staff.
Physical Distancing	All efforts will be made to practice social distancing for students and staff. The most current guidance for distancing will be followed.
Handwashing & Respiratory Etiquette	Students and staff will be encouraged to wash or sanitize hands on a frequent basis. Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and common areas. Staff members will model and instruct students on proper respiratory etiquette in an effort to mitigate the spread of disease.
Cleaning/Sanitizing of Facilities	Enhanced cleaning protocols will be in place at all times. Sanitizing wipes, disinfectant, and gloves will be stocked in each classroom. Custodial staff will enhance their cleaning of touchpoints both during the school day and after school hours. Office areas, common areas, and buses will be cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis. District vehicles will be sanitized and disinfected on a regular basis as well.
Ventilation Improvements	Using ESSER Funds, air purifiers have been purchased for each classroom and office area in the district. Plans are being made to update cooling towers and classroom heat pumps in

	2021 and 2022. Replacing cloth office furniture with leather material and removing carpet in elementary classrooms to be replaced with vinyl flooring is currently being addressed.
Contact Tracing, Isolation, & Quarantine Procedures	The district will work with the Scioto County Health Department to follow all protocols for quarantines, contact tracing, isolation, and other related procedures. Orders will be issued by the school superintendent, as directed by the local health commissioner. Quarantine and isolation lengths will be determined by the most recent CDC and Scioto County Health Department guidance.
Diagnostic & Screening Testing for COVID	Upon becoming symptomatic all staff and students will be advised to have COVID-19 test administered before returning to the school environment.
Vaccination Efforts	During the 2020-2021 school year, all staff of the district who chose to receive the COVID vaccine were given the opportunity to do so. Staff members and students who are not vaccinated, but eligible for the vaccine, will be encouraged to get the vaccine, if they choose to do so. The school district will partner with our local health department to provide opportunities for student vaccinations as they become available, and as students and their families choose to receive them.
Accommodations for Students with Disabilities	Students with disabilities will receive accommodations as they are determined by the IEP team of the particular child, and will be made on an individual student basis. Exemption from state and local health orders and CDC guidance will be used, as needed, to meet the needs of identified students.
Periodic Review of the plan and Public Input	This plan will be reviewed semi-annually through September, 2023. This plan will be available for public viewing and the ability to provide input can be sent the superintendent.

Section Two: Continuity of Services

Plan for Addressing Student Academic Needs:

- Students were provided 1:1 devices, hotspots were installed at the three buildings along with two other areas in the school community. Google classroom and Google meets were utilized by the staff and students during the Remote Learning period. These options will be available for the 2021/22 school year if needed. A summer learning opportunity has been implemented for June 7 through July 1 for students that may be retained in grades K-8 and for credit recovery in grades 9-12. Students will attend Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm to work on the learning loss or the materials not mastered during the 2020/21 school year.

Plan for Addressing Student and Staff Social, Emotional, and Mental Health:

- Using Wellness and Success funds, the district has partnered with Shawnee Mental Health to provide a counselor in the district. The counselor will operate in all three buildings providing services to students and staff.
- For any school staff member who needs support, counselors are available in the district to offer them support. If extensive counseling is needed, a referral can be made for them to an outside agency.

Food Service Plan for Remote Learning/School Closures:

- If school is forced to close due to the pandemic, plans are already established for the continuity of food service for students.
- During times of full closures, a plan is established to provide meal delivery, via district buses, to students who request meals. This program was implemented from March until May of the 2019-2020 school year, and in January of the 2020-2021 school year, and can be re-established immediately, if needed.
- The school district also partners with local organizations such as the Steven Hunter Power Pack (weekend meals) program, and Community Action Organization for evening meals for students throughout the school year, no matter the learning format.
- The Valley Local school kitchens are providing meals daily to the students attending the Summer Learning Opportunity program. All students attending receive a breakfast and lunch each day of attendance.
- The district is continuing the service of issuing food baskets to over 100 students once a week as we have done in the past.