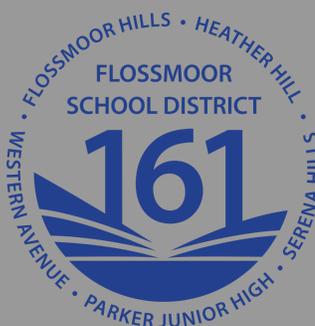


# Flossmoor School District 161 Reopening Plan 2021-22



## The Flossmoor School District 161 Return to School Plan includes the following focus areas:

- Health / Safety Mitigation
- Additional Instructional Staff
- Classroom Technology
- Saturday School
- Advancement Via Individual Determination [AVID] Program
- Summer Academy



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## A Message from Superintendent Smith

Our team is committed to providing safe, supportive, and rigorous learning experiences for our students, and we will take the proper steps to keep our students and staff members learning in person.

We will continue to implement our enhanced cleaning / disinfecting protocols daily to keep our school as clean as possible. In the area of physical distancing, we are reducing the density of students in the school cafeterias, reorganizing classrooms, and purchasing protective barriers for several student spaces. We are still trying to hire additional lunch and recess supervisors to help us provide more supervision and more opportunities to distance classrooms of children. In addition, changes in eating locations, lunch times, and other adjustments have been made to allow for safer lunch periods for students.

District 161 will also be utilizing the SHIELD testing protocol for all of our unvaccinated students and staff. Used by the University of Illinois since the fall of 2020, the SHIELD COVID-19 saliva RT-PCR test regimen has been highly effective at identifying and isolating asymptomatic individuals, thus lowering the number of students and staff who test positive or who must quarantine due to having close contact with someone who tested positive.

All of our COVID-19 prevention strategies, from face masks to SHIELD testing, will work together to keep our students and staff members safer from the spread of COVID-19. I am thankful for your partnership in these efforts to keep our community safe.



## Health / Safety Mitigation

### Health Metrics

- Continue to review the agreed upon health metrics used during the 2020-21 school year.

### Face Mask Use

- Masks are mandatory for all adults and PreK-8th grade students inside of the schools and on school buses, regardless of vaccination status. They will not be necessary at recess, etc.
- The Board of Education will review the use of masks on September 13th to determine if mandatory mask use is still necessary or if they can become optional.

## Additional Instructional Staff

- Hiring math and Social Emotional Learning [SEL] specialists to support instruction and provide targeted support to students and teachers. These positions were board approved on May 25, 2021, and are being funded using ESSER II grant funds.

## Classroom Technology

- Upgrade district classrooms with whiteboards, short throw projectors, and microphones to improve instruction in the classroom and to provide better ability to teach remotely in case of additional closures. Classroom technology items will be funded using ESSER II grant funds. Large scale purchases will be brought to the board for approval.



## Advancement Via Individual Determination [AVID] Program

- Implement the AVID program at the junior high level to provide academic support to targeted groups of students and school-wide implementation of AVID strategies at the junior high level. Purchase and implementation of this program was board approved on May 10, 2021, and is being funded using ESSER II grant funds.



## Saturday School

- Implement a district-wide [K-8] Saturday School program to provide additional instructional time and enrichment activities for students.
- Increase access to the Saturday School program by providing transportation as needed.
- Saturday School programming, salaries, and transportation will be funded using ESSER II grant funds.

## Summer Academy

- Expand the Summer Academy instructional day to provide additional intervention and enrichment opportunities. Provide in-person instruction for the majority of students and some remote experiences as needed. Provide additional instructional resources to support learning gaps and provide professional development for Summer Academy Teachers.
- The expanded Summer Academy programming and instructional resources were funded using ESSER II grant funds. Salaries and transportation were funded using local funds, as in previous years.