

Please submit one application for each local educational agency or equivalent. If applying on behalf of a school district please submit one application for elementary schools in the district that are seeking to reopen for in-person instruction. If applying for an independent, private, faith-based, or charter school, please submit an application for each school.

Background Information

Name of Applicant (Local Educational Agency or Equivalent): Weaver Union School District

Name of District/School: Weaver Union School District

If this is a School District Consolidated Application Yes: ☒ No: ☐
(Please list each school on a separate sheet)

School Type: ☒ Traditional Public School
☐ Charter School
☐ Private, Independent, or Faith-Based School

Number of schools: 3

Enrollment: 2,941

Superintendent (or equivalent) Name: John Curry

Address:

1240 D Street

Merced, CA 95341

Number of students and number of classes per grade proposed to be reopened:

TK	K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
54	296	304	344	331	322	302	347

Date of Proposed Reopening:

November 2, 2020

Name of Person Completing Application:

John Curry

Phone Number: 209-723-7606

Email: jcurry@weaverusd.org

Signature:



Date: 11/2/2020

I. Consultation

Please confirm consultation with the following groups:

☒ Labor Organization

Name of Organization(s) and Date(s) Consulted:

Weaver Federation of Educational Employees - October 8, 2020

Weaver Elementary Teachers Association - October 8, 2020

☐ Parent and Community Organizations

Name of Organization(s) and Date(s) Consulted:

N/A

If no labor organization represents staff at the school, please describe the process for consultation with school staff:

II. Elementary School Reopening Plans

Please confirm that elementary school reopening plan(s) addressing the following, consistent with guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the local health department, have been published on the website of the local educational agency (or equivalent):

☒ **Cleaning and Disinfection:** How shared surfaces will be regularly cleaned and disinfected and how use of shared items will be minimized.

☒ **Cohorting:** How students will be kept in small, stable, groups with fixed membership that stay together for all activities (e.g., instruction, lunch, recess) and minimize/avoid contact with other groups or individuals who are not part of the cohort.

☒ **Entrance, Egress, and Movement Within the School:** How movement of students, staff, and parents will be managed to avoid close contact and/or mixing of cohorts.

- ☒ **Face Coverings and Other Essential Protective Gear:** How CDPH's face covering requirements will be satisfied and enforced.
- ☒ **Health Screenings for Students and Staff:** How students and staff will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 and how ill students or staff will be separated from others and sent home immediately.
- ☒ **Healthy Hygiene Practices:** The availability of handwashing stations and hand sanitizer, and how their use will be promoted and incorporated into routines.
- ☒ **Identification and Tracing of Contacts:** Actions that staff will take when there is a confirmed case. Confirm that the school(s) have designated staff persons to support contact tracing, such as creation and submission of lists of exposed students and staff to the local health department and notification of exposed persons. Each school must designate a person for the local health department to contact about COVID-19.
- ☒ **Physical Distancing:** How space and routines will be arranged to allow for physical distancing of students and staff.
- ☒ **Staff Training and Family Education:** How staff will be trained and families will be educated on the application and enforcement of the plan.
- ☒ **Testing of Students and Staff:** How school officials will ensure that students and staff who have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 will be rapidly tested and what instructions they will be given while waiting for test results. Describe how staff will be tested periodically to detect asymptomatic infections.
- ☒ **Triggers for Switching to Distance Learning:** The criteria the superintendent will use to determine when to physically close the school and prohibit in-person instruction.
- ☒ **Communication Plans:** How the superintendent will communicate with students, staff, and parents about cases and exposures at the school, consistent with privacy requirements such as FERPA and HIPAA.
- ☒ **School Website URL** where reopening plan and waiver are posted.
www.weaverusd.org

Additional Resources:

CDPH and Cal/OSHA Guidance for Schools and School-Based Programs

<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-schools.pdf>

California Department of Education Stronger Together: A Guidebook for the Safe Reopening of California's Public Schools

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/strongertogether.asp>

CDPH COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Learning Framework for K-12 Schools in California, 2020-2021 School Year

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Schools%20Reopening%20Recommendations.pdf>

For Internal Use Only:

Date Received

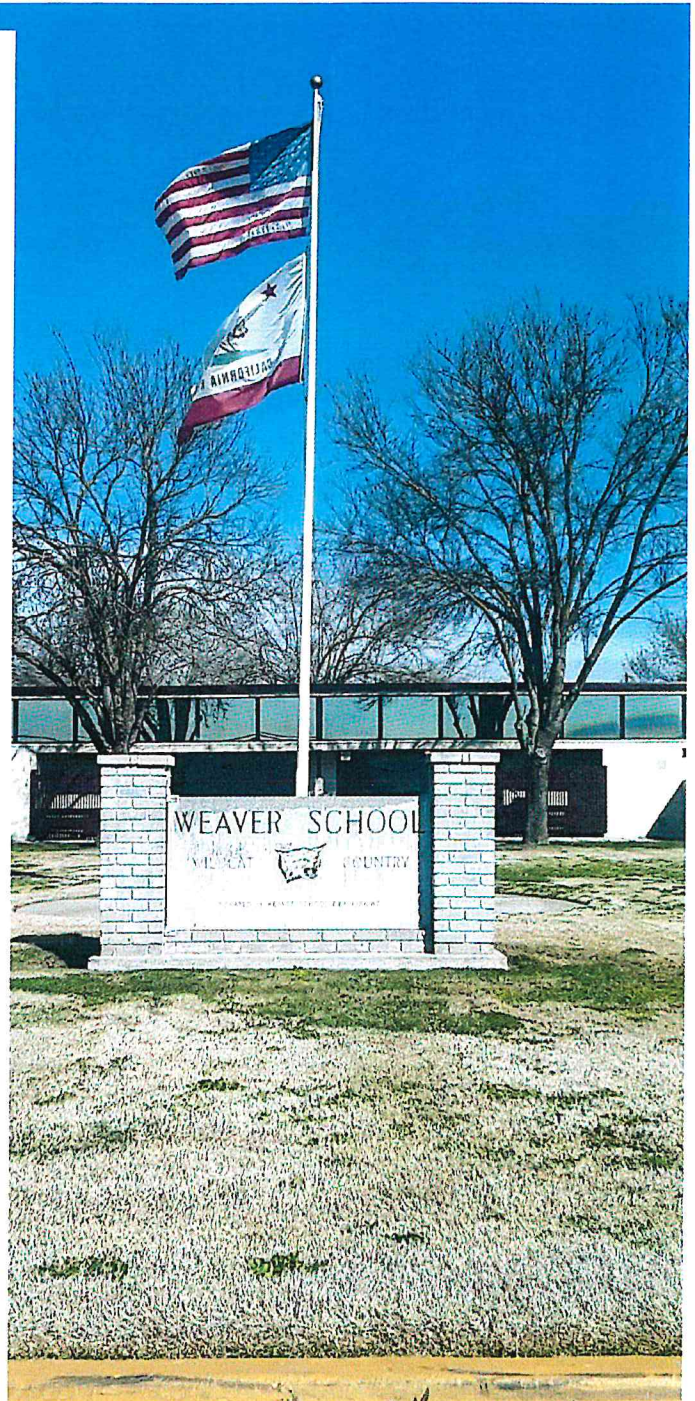
Health Officer Review

Determination Date

Weaver Middle School Reopening Guidelines

The following guidelines were created in cooperation with the Merced County Health Department as well as the Merced County Office of Education. Weaver teachers, staff and administration have reviewed all guidelines from these local agencies and have taken steps to reopen Weaver Middle School in the safest way possible. We look forward to working with all of our families to continue providing our students with the highest quality education in a safe and nurturing environment.

Sincerely,
Elias Villa
Principal, Weaver Middle School



Screening

Goal: To limit the spread of COVID-19 by identifying and separating individuals with symptoms.

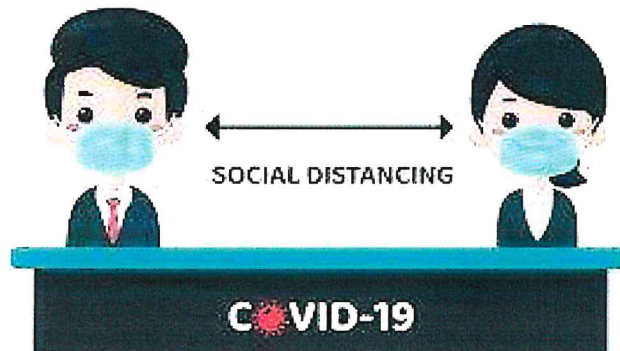


All Weaver students and staff will be screened daily using the following methods:

- Parents will be asked to monitor their child's health for symptoms of COVID 19 and call the school office when their child is sick or show signs of COVID-19. A parent check list with more information will be sent home prior to school opening.
- Temperature checks at various entrance points around campus will take place each morning, prior to students entering campus.
- Staff and students will complete a health survey each morning. Students will be asked to self-report to their teacher if they feel sick. Survey information will be reviewed by health office staff daily.

Social Distancing

Goals: To keep physical space between students and staff to limit the spread of COVID 19. To create student groups that limit student interactions on a large scale to the best extent possible.

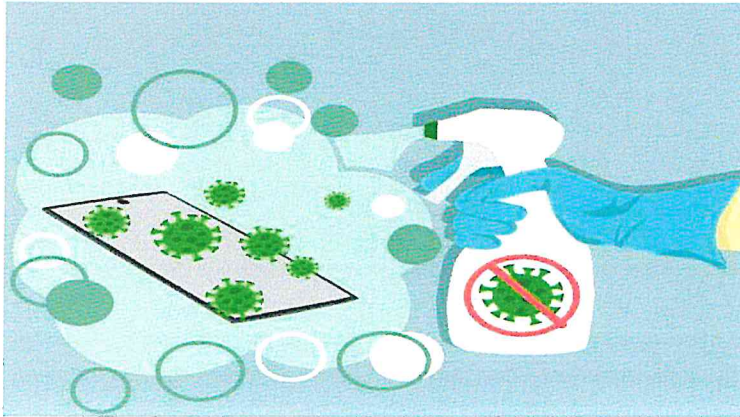


Weaver Students will be placed in grade level cohort groups to help limit student interactions around campus. Social Distancing also known as “Physical Distancing” will be accomplished using the following methods:

- Students will be spaced out in classrooms as much as possible.
- Student desks will be spaced out in rows facing one direction.
- Classroom tables will have a barrier to separate student areas.
- Cohorts will have designated areas to eat breakfast and lunch.
- Cohorts will have 3 separate lunch periods to limit student interaction.
- Dismissal will be staggered to limit the number of students in halls after school.
- Students will have a one-way path of travel where possible.
- Bus capacity will be limited to 2 students per seat.

Cleaning/Disinfecting

Goal: To keep surfaces clean to limit spread of COVID-19.



Weaver maintenance staff and teachers will work together to keep surfaces clean to limit the spread of COVID-19 in the following ways:

- Provide hand sanitizer stations in classrooms and around campus.
- Mandatory hand washing before and after lunch.
- Frequent cleaning of classroom desks/tables/chairs and frequently touched surfaces throughout the day.
- Prohibit students from sharing Chromebooks. Students check out assigned Chromebook 1st period and return it after 9th period for disinfection and charging.
- Maintenance staff will disinfect all classroom surfaces each night.

Health and Hygiene Education

Goal: Educate staff and students on best practices to prevent the spread of disease-causing organisms.



Weaver teachers will provide students with ongoing health and hygiene instructional lessons to develop and maintain good hygiene habits in the following ways:

- Teachers and staff will conduct in class lessons that focus on proper hand washing, the spread of germs, and social distancing.
- Parents will be provided with information to support health and hygiene routines at home and school.
- Support staff will be trained to assist students with maintaining good hand hygiene and appropriate social distancing before school, during lunch and passing periods.

Distance Learning

Goal: To provide students with an appropriate level of instruction remotely, allowing students to complete all assigned work while off campus.



Weaver Middle School will offer Distance Learning opportunities for families who choose to keep their children home due to COVID-19. Weaver will support Distance Learning in the following ways:

- Students will be issued a Chromebook to access instructional materials.
- Students will also receive a paper packet of learning materials.
- Students will be required to check in with their assigned teacher at a regularly scheduled time.
- Students will be graded on all assignments, tests and participation in teacher check ins.
- Parents who wish to discontinue Distance Learning and have their child return to school, must contact the school office. There will be a five-day transition period to return to school.
- Grades for distance learning will be posted in the student's grade history and transcripts.

The following plan outline was developed with the collaboration of Merced County elementary school district superintendents. The actions outlined describe measures that will be taken to ensure a safe reopening of schools. Within the outlined actions, each district will have the flexibility to define the details of their plan to best meet the unique needs of their district. It is acknowledged that these plans must be flexible and adaptable as circumstances change with COVID-19. Districts are seeking approval and specific recommendations from Merced Department of Public Health on this plan.

To be completed by Merced Department of Public Health

Fall Reopening of Elementary School Districts		
All schools open as per their regular 2020-2021 adopted district calendar, July or August start dates.	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved
Final Approval is pending State determination of authority (i.e., the State releases guidances, or designates authority to Counties in writing). That said, if metrics in this plan are met as described, MCDPH would support schools opening at pre-scheduled dates.	Recommendations leading to approval: Note: if COVID-19 conditions in Merced County change dramatically, changes to these guidelines or distance learning may be required.	
Campuses will service all students five days per week, full day of school with the implementation of the safety actions below.	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved
Final Approval is pending State determination of authority (i.e., the State releases guidances, or designates authority to Counties in writing). That said, if metrics in this plan are met as described with changes outlined below, MCDPH would support schools opening at 5 days per week with a full day of school.	Recommendations leading to approval: Note: MCDPH encourages schools to keep class sizes as small as resources allow, including identifying alternative spaces for classes if staffing allows.	
Parents will be given the option to keep their student(s) home and continue to participate in distance learning.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved
	Recommendations leading to approval: Note: MCDPH encourages giving virtual classes to at risk teachers for first priority in teaching.	
Start of the School Day Procedures		
Schools will establish at least two points of entry on to campus.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved
	Recommendations leading to approval:	
Staff will complete a self-wellness check and submit a form to the school office.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved
	Recommendations leading to approval:	
Students will be screened prior to entering campus.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved
Screening could be conducted via app prior to school arrival, or an in person symptom screen, or clear signage at drop off/ entry that drop off/entry is a self=attestation to no symptoms.	Recommendations leading to approval: Note: teachers/staff should be vigilant to changes in student condition/symptoms and refer to nurse for temperature screen/assessment/parent pick up.	
Parents will not be allowed to enter campus during drop off period.	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved
A possible exception may need to be made for kindergartners/TK. It is important to prevent crying in students as much as possible - both for the trauma to the student, but also to prevent aerosolization of mouth/nose/eye materials. younger children could be brought, in a staggered fashion, to an anteroom for hand off to an aide/staff or assigned a buddy to walk to class in pairs, for example.	Recommendations leading to approval:	
Students will report direct to their classroom.	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved
Could we get more details on how this would be managed in younger grades? See above comments on K/TK. Approved for all grades feasible.	Recommendations leading to approval:	
Breakfast will be delivered to each classroom or students will be allowed to eat in the cafeteria by class cohort if space allows.	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved
Cafeteria would only be allowable if it is able to be cleaned between classes/cohorts. Cafeteria could be phased in later in the school year if cases remain stable.	Recommendations leading to approval:	
Students who board the bus to school will be screened by trained staff.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved
	Recommendations leading to approval:	
Buses will be equipped with hand sanitizer and students will be required to sanitize as they board the bus.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved
Additional busing/transportation guidance: -all children who share seats should be masked (mandated in middle/high school) -no more than 2 children per seat. Preference is 1 child per seat. -cohort busing as much as possible -if possible, outfit buses with transparent barriers (such as a shower curtain) between rows on the bus -Keep windows down whenever weather permits	Recommendations leading to approval:	

During the School Day

Students will be required to remain in their class cohort the entire day.

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Recommendations leading to approval:

Breaks/recess will be staggered by class cohorts. Each cohort will have a designated play area and be required to rest/play in designated area.

☒ Approved☐ Not Approved

Recommendations leading to approval:

A limited number of class cohorts will be allowed outside at any given time period and each cohort will be distanced a minimum of 6 feet.

☒ Approved☐ Not Approved

Recommendations leading to approval:

Lunch will be brought to each classroom. Students may eat either in their class, in the cafeteria if space allows or outside in designated areas with their class cohort.

☒ Approved☐ Not Approved

Recommendations leading to approval:

Cafeteria would only be allowable if it is able to be cleaned between classes/cohorts. Cafeteria could be phased in later in the school year if cases remain stable.

Students will be able to use the restroom as needed in pairs of two. Staff will be assigned to monitor restrooms.

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Recommendations leading to approval:

All classrooms will have scheduled time for hand washing throughout the day.

☒ Approved☐ Not Approved

Recommendations leading to approval:

Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms, all school facilities, and in hallways.

☒ Approved☐ Not Approved

Recommendations leading to approval:

Close of the School Day

Classrooms will be released by a schedule allowing for safe distancing of each class groups.

☒ Approved☐ Not Approved

Recommendations leading to approval:

For students riding the bus home, buses will be equipped with hand sanitizer and students will be required to sanitize as they board the bus.

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Recommendations leading to approval:

While waiting to board the bus students will remain in their class group with reasonable distancing.

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Recommendations leading to approval:

All school buses will be equipped with disinfectant cleaners to be used as needed by the bus driver.

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Recommendations leading to approval:

Students who are picked up will be done through multiple pick up stations. Parents will be asked not to exit their vehicle or walk on campus.

☒ Approved☐ Not Approved

Recommendations leading to approval:

Other Safety Measures

All campuses will be closed to the public. There will be one entry point during the instructional day for parents/guardians to access the office in case of an emergency or urgent matters. Parents must wear a mask to enter campus.



Approved



Not Approved

Recommendations leading to approval:

School offices will have two health offices or one partitioned space. One for routine health needs and other for COVID-19 related needs.



Approved



Not Approved

Recommendations leading to approval:

Office counters will be equipped with plexiglass.



Approved



Not Approved

Recommendations leading to approval:

Staff will wear masks during class time.



Approved



Not Approved

Recommendations leading to approval:

Staff can choose between masks and face shields.

Staff will be given opportunities for in class break periods.



Approved



Not Approved

Recommendations leading to approval:

School playground equipment will be accessible on an scheduled basis. Only one class group at a time.



Approved



Not Approved

Recommendations leading to approval:

Vendors will be allowed on campus wearing proper PPE and must be screened or deliveries will be at a designated area.



Approved



Not Approved

Recommendations leading to approval:

Appropriate safety training will be provided to all staff within their respective job function roles.



Approved



Not Approved

Recommendations leading to approval:

Daily Cleaning and Disinfecting

All classrooms, offices, and other used facilities at the school site will be cleaned and disinfected daily per CDC guidelines.

☒ Approved☐ Not Approved

Recommendations leading to approval:

All buses will be cleaned and disinfected daily at the end of the day per CDC guidelines.

☒ Approved☐ Not Approved

Recommendations leading to approval:

All devices are wiped/disinfected at the end of the day. Note: Devices will be assigned to individual students.

☒ Approved☐ Not Approved

Recommendations leading to approval:

Non-negotiables

Bus Transportation provided with one student per seat

*Cohorts: Necessary to determine which students & staff may be exposed**6 FT Social Distance of class cohorts: Necessary to help the school community to feel safe from exposure.**3 FT Social Distance in class seating.**No large-groups: Necessary to prevent co-mingling.**No outside visitors during school day: Helps to prevent exposure**Limiting playground equipment use: Difficulty in cleaning and sanitizing regularly**100% student capacity on campus entire school day***Process Guidance**

Provide guidance on use of Masks for Students & Staff: A statement from MCPHD allows for continuity among Merced County Districts.

All staff wear a mask or shield. Students are recommended but not required to wear a mask in elementary school. Elementary age students are strongly recommended to wear a mask when sharing a seat on a bus.

Provide guidance & process for Health Screening: A statement & process from MCPHD allows for continuity among Merced County Districts.

Some suggestions for symptom screening are posting signs on all entries making it clear that entry is self-attestation that the student/parent have not had relevant symptoms in last 24 hours, or have an app that parents can fill out each morning before drop off

Provide guidance & process for closure due to exposure: process for closing 1 grade level, 1 cohort, 1 school or entire district.

MCDPH would follow the CDC school closure recommendations, available here:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/considerations-for-school-closure.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0uFNcJxtHrcrH_Lgb1vURig_TILLtWxOrT1T2ab2yDZ4zVIRoWf9uWLoM

Note these guidelines are unchanged from when school closure was discussed in March. It is anticipated political/parental pressure may affect school closure.

Provide guidance & process on responding to student or staff with COVID signs: A statement & process from MCPHD allows for continuity among Merced County Districts.

All symptomatic staff/students should be immediately isolated and sent home. All individuals should be told to isolate at home until 72 hours after symptoms resolve, and should be tested for COVID-19.

Would the schools like to have a small cache of test kits on site? That is something MCDPH could perhaps facilitate.

Other:

Desks must all face the same direction.

Desks should be three feet from other desks, on all sides.

Windows should be left open in the classroom whenever weather permits.

Teacher desks must be 6 feet from the first row of student desks.

Schools should encourage receipt of seasonal flu vaccine in both students and staff.

Medically fragile or high risk students should be encouraged to participate in distance learning.

School Reopening Planning
School Start - Thursday, August 6th
 Update June 16, 2020

Screening	Social Distancing	Sanitation	Health and Hygiene Education
<p>Goal-To limit the spread of COVID-19 by identifying and separating individuals with symptoms.</p> <p>Screening Procedures:</p> <p>Checklist for parents to screen children prior to sending them school. Mary Piniol</p> <p>Temp check for all students and staff upon entering school. 3 entry points for students. 2 yard duty staff at each point.</p> <p>Students and staff will complete a google form health self assessment each morning.</p> <p>Form results will be reviewed by health office staff promptly. Staff access to results-pending</p>	<p>Goal- To create cohorts to limit student interactions and limit disruption to education..</p> <p>Social Distancing Procedures:</p> <p>Students will be grouped in grade level cohorts.</p> <p>Entering School- Students will report to assigned cohort areas to eat breakfast and wait for the teacher to escort to first period class or be dismissed by yard duty supervisors to class.</p> <p>Bus students will enter through one entry point near transportation.</p> <p>Walkers and drop-off students will enter through Coffee or Gerard gates based on last name. Students will then walk to cohort area.</p>	<p>Goal- Keep surfaces clean to limit spread of COVID-19.</p> <p>Sanitation Procedures:</p> <p>Hand Hygiene - teacher supervised routine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitizer entering class or hand wash • Hand wash before lunch - Teacher supervised • Hand wash after lunch-Teacher Supervised • Hand Sanitizer leaving class • Hand washing and hand sanitizer stations will be available around campus. <p>Teacher Sanitation routine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequent cleaning of high touch surfaces • Chromebook Sanitation <p>Custodian Sanitation Routine</p>	<p>Goal-Educate students and staff on best practices to prevent the spread of germs.</p> <p>Health/Hygiene Classroom Lessons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper hand washing • How germs spread • Social Distancing <p>Weaver Way-School Wide Expectations Lessons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cohort Areas • Breakfast/Lunch Procedures • Arrival/Dismissal Procedures • Bathroom Procedures • Health Survey • Hand Washing Sanitation procedures <p>Parent Communication: Letter- English/Hmong/Span Parent Video-translation?</p> <p>Signage/Posters</p>

<p>2 separate health stations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid symptoms • All other student needs <p>Continued Distance Learning-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More planning needed • Will be graded • 8th Science testing 	<p>Exiting School-staggered release</p> <p>Bus students release first.</p> <p>Bus - 2 students per seat. Hand sanitizer when loading the bus.</p> <p>Walkers/pick up students second. Walked to the gate by teacher</p> <p>Classroom Desks-seat individually as far apart as possible-rows, facing one direction</p> <p>Tables-use of barriers and spacing students as far apart as possible.</p> <p>Teachers will wear a face shield or mask</p> <p>Lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 separate lunches for middle school - groups of 10 allowed. Follow social distancing protocol. • Teachers will walk students to lunch after supervised hand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanitize student desks/table tops/chairs nightly • Garbage-replace liners daily • Vacuum • Lunch/Cafeteria Cleaning <p>Chromebooks end of day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Wipes keyboard • Student returns to cart • No student handling of cleaning chemicals 	
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	<p>washing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tables can be used in cafeteria. One row of benches only, all students facing one direction • Assign cohorts to separate areas • Students line up following social distancing protocol • Lunch Activities-None <p>Breakfast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students may get breakfast and eat outside prior to school. • Students will eat and remain in cohort areas. <p>Visitor Protocols-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No visitors on campus. <p>Chromebooks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students get chromebook 1st period-return to 1st period after 9th for charging. • Tardy students-will get a chromebook from front office. • Students leaving early will turn chromebook into front office before leaving. CB will be returned to 1st period teacher. 		
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