Introduction

The purpose of this document is to inform the Pembroke School District Community of the expectations for the coming school year and to elicit feedback from the public regarding this plan. This plan must be submitted to the Department of Education by June 23, 2021 in order for the Pembroke schools to access the ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) Grant. The Department of Education will be providing us an opportunity to revise our plan as needed, and before it is finalized input will be gathered from the community, administration, and staff.

As we have witnessed for the past year, circumstances and official guidance may change that will warrant revisions to this plan either prior to or during the school year. We will keep the community informed of any changes.

Our Shared Responsibilities

One of the lessons that we learned this past year has to do with a sense of shared responsibility for our community. Staying home when symptomatic, keeping a reasonable distance between ourselves while working and eating, fidelity to mask policies in our schools and on our fields, and making sure to regularly wash and sanitize our hands have all helped to keep our infection numbers low. We remain committed to continuing this partnership into the next school year.

Transitional Plan - June 17 to August 20, 2021

As we head into the summer months we will continue to offer services, programs and activities for our students in all of our buildings. Per current guidance from the NH Department of Education and the New Hampshire Division of Public Health Services, Masks will be optional for all students.

2021-2022 School Year

As of June, 2021, it is the intention of The Pembroke School District to return to a "Pre-Pandemic" model of instruction. This means that schools will return to in person learning and that masks will be optional for all students. We will continue to monitor research and the guidance of the CDC, NH DHHS, and the NHIAA in making decisions to balance the safety, social-emotional, and academic needs of our community. If case infection rates or guidance from the CDC, NH DHHS, or the NHIAA changes, the District will respond to these changes by putting some or all of the mitigation measures in place that were implemented during the 2020-2021 academic year.

Status Level Decisions

The decision to switch between school statuses/levels will be made by the superintendent of Pembroke schools in conjunction with the Pembroke School Board. Others involved in the decision will be building level administrators, nurses, and the Director of Facilities Their decision will be based on the following factors:

- National or State guidance (CDC, NH DHHS, NHIAA)
- Community spread data
- School community confirmed positive COVID results
- Ability to staff schools and safely supervise students
- Availability of critical staff (e.g. nurses and administrators)
- Inclement weather

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Facilities

Evolving research has come to find that the spread of COVID-19 has a lower risk than previously expected on solid surfaces. Therefore, some of the extra intensive cleaning routines and non-sharing of materials that were put in place for the 2020-2021 plan will not be continued in the 2021-2022 school year.

Our facilities department will continue to:

- use electrostatic sprayers to clean surfaces on a daily basis
- clean bathrooms on a more frequent basis
- change filters
- make plenty of hand sanitizer and masks available
- supply each classroom with gloves and sanitizers

Conclusion

At this time, the Pembroke School District plans on opening the 2021-2022 school year in a pre-pandemic mode of instruction with the continuation of some of our enhanced cleaning practices in our buildings. Our plan is to stay up to date and well informed in case we need to pivot to a new model of instruction and/or make changes to our daily operations.

This plan will be revisited in August, prior to the schools opening for the 2021-2022 school year. Please either plan to attend or tune in to Pembroke School Board meetings on August 3rd and August 17th for up to date information. If you are unable to view or attend these meetings they are all recorded and posted immediately following. We have extensive school board minutes that are made available and we will communicate updates to you via our One Call Now system.

Respectfully submitted,

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