DRAFT LEA Plan on the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services 2021-2022 School Year

I. General Information

LEA Name: Rollinsford School District/SAU 104

<u>Date of Publication</u>: The Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan for 2021-2022 school year has not been published. It will be published at the beginning of August 2021 as we get closer to the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

II. Transparency and Accessibility

<u>Public Availability</u>: As mentioned, the completed Plan for the 2021-2022 school year will be published at the beginning of August.

The Rollinsford School Board held a goal setting session on June 21, 2021. At that session, the Re-Opening Plan was discussed as a way to meet the Board's goal of having a safe learning environment for students.

However, as we have seen, the COVID-19 health pandemic has been very fluid and dynamic where the situation can change very rapidly. With that in mind, releasing a Return to In-Person Instruction Plan over two months prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year is premature.

The School Board will reconvene in August 2021 and will take the matter of the Re-Opening Plan up at that time. The school district will make the Plan available on its website and will use the electronic messenger system to notify parents that it exists and that public input is welcome.

<u>Public Accessibility</u>: As with all documents provided, translation services will be available as well as the opportunity document could be provided in different formats, if requested.

The special education staff are in regular contact with families to help eliminate any communication barriers.

III. Health and Safety

<u>Maintenance of health for students and staff</u>: Once finalized, copies of the District's Re-Opening Plan will be submitted to the DOE.

Pending any shift in CDC guidance and/or change in the direction of the pandemic, the School District plans to enter the 2021-2022 school year with all schools and programs fully open for in-person learning.

At this time, the following Health and Safety protocols will be recommended to the School Board for consideration:

Wearing of an approved mask, both inside and outside will be optional.

- Physical/social distancing, contact tracing, diagnostic screening (i.e., symptoms checklist, temperature taking) will not be required practice in the schools.
- Staff will review handwashing and respiratory etiquette procedures with all students and provide time for students to engage in handwashing. Hand sanitizer will continue to be available for all students and staff.
- Normal cleaning protocols by custodial staff will take place. Use of additional measures (i.e., ultra violet cleaning) will only be used should there be a confirmed COVID case.
- Continue planning to upgrade the building ventilation.
- The District will work with local and state public health officials to provide opportunities for vaccinations for students and staff and to disseminate the most current information on illness management.
- Parents will be encouraged to keep children home when they are ill. Staff will also be encouraged to stay home when they are sick.
- Students with certain diagnosed medical conditions may require the implementation of additional safety measures. This will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- There will not be additional safety protocols for extra-curricular activities (i.e., sports, clubs).
- SAU admin and building admin will review pertinent pandemic-related data in order to make recommendations for any needed changes to the Re-Opening Plan.

IV. Continuity of Services

<u>Continuity of Services for Students</u>: The District's Re-Opening Plan will describe how the continuity of services during the 2021-2022 school year will be provided. The School District will provide continuity of services in the following ways:

- All In-Person educational opportunities will be re-instituted, including academic supports for students, all identified special education services, and afterschool and extra-curricular activities.
- Data on student academic progress will be collected and reviewed. Support delivery models will be re-envisioned if necessary.
- Professional development will be offered to staff as identified by building and district administration.
- Continuation of free food service program meals for all students because of the federal waiver for the 2021-2022 school year. Food will also be available during summer 2021 programs.
- Expand summer school opportunities K-12 for summer 2021.
- Additional student and staff needs will be determined once school resumes in fall 2021.
- Continue to explore the role of Remote Learning to create opportunities for identified students in order to create student voice, student engagement in learning, create individual student learning paths that may allow students to continue learning while working through various issues/challenges.
- Provide additional opportunities to show appreciation to the staff.
- When appropriate, continue to provide virtual access for parents to meetings via google meet to hold parent conferences and individual student meetings.

Continuity of Services for Staff

The SAU Administration and members of the School Board will meet with representatives of the collective bargaining unit to determine if there is a need to continue with all or some elements of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that was in place during the 2020-2021 school year

V. Plan Review

The Rollinsford School District will review and revise its Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan every six months through September 30, 2023 and/or as needed.

This process will include:

- Create final Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan for the 2021-2022 school year. The Plan will include:
 - Adoption of health and safety protocols as required by the CDC and NH DHHS.
 - o Provide information on how the district will provide a continuity of services for students and for staff.
 - Any and all adjustments to school operations protocols and procedures.
- Gathering stakeholder input regarding the 2021-2022 School Year Plan in the following ways:
 - Make the proposed 2021-2022 School Year Plan available on the SAU 104 website for stakeholder review and consider all feedback.
 - Make the proposed 2021-2022 School Year Plan an agenda item for the Rollinsford School Board to approve in August 2021 and make sure that the school board reviews the plan every six months and when necessary through September 2023.
- Align any identified needs in the 2021-2022 School Year plan with the "Use of Funds" Plan that is required for submission by August 23, 2021. Provide Plan alignment in subsequent years if required.

VI. Authorization

Rollinsford School District Superintendent

Date