LEA Plan on the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

This document is intended to meet the federal statutory requirement that, within 30 days of receiving ARP ESSER LEA allocation (anticipated May 24th), an LEA shall publish an LEA Plan on the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services, which is often called a “school district reopening plan.”

Note, if an LEA developed a plan before The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was enacted on 03/11/2021 that complied with the federal statutory requirements for public posting and comments but does not meet all of the requirements below, then the LEA must revise its plan no later than six months after receiving ARP ESSER funds.


I. General Information

1. LEA Name: SAn #23

2. Date of Publication: 1/17/21

II. Transparency and Accessibility

1. This plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services was published and made publicly available online here:
   Description: www.sau23.org

2. Before making the plan publicly available, the LEA sought public comment on the plan and took such comments into account in the development of the plan (please check one).
   Yes: ☑ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
   Description: Google Survey

3. The plan is in an understandable and uniform format (please check one):
   Yes: ☑ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
   Description: Google Doc

4. The plan, to the extent practicable, is written in a language that parents can understand or, if not practicable, orally translated (please check one):
   Yes: ☑ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
   Description:

5. The plan, upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability, is provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent (please check one):
   Yes: ☑ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
   Description: upon request
III. Health and Safety

1. How the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other school and LEA staff:
   - Description during SY20-21: Followed DHHS guidance,进行了健康和安全指南。描述
   - Description during SY21-22: Families want to return to school, we will follow data + guidance.
     No restrictions. We will follow data + boards will make final decision in August 2021.

2. The LEA’s adoption of the following CDC health and safety strategies are described below:
   (Note federal regulation on this plan requires such reporting, but does not require adoption of CDC safety recommendations. The NH DOE recognizes schools will implement localized safety measures based on the guidance provided by the CDC, NH Public Health, and local public health officials.)
   a. Universal and correct wearing of masks:
      During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
      During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☐ Somewhat: ☑ No: ☑
      Description of both SYs: SY21 masks on bus, SY22 TBD in August. Recommended Best Practice.

   b. Physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding and modifying facilities):
      During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
      During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: ☑ No: ☐
      Description of both SYs: Currently recommending Best Practice.

   c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:
      During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
      During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: ☑ No: ☐
      Description of both SYs: Signage, time, modeling, reinforcing.

   d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation:
      During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
      During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: ☑ No: ☐
      Description of both SYs: Cleaning daily. Have cleaned air purifiers installed in Some areas. Better quality that filters particles more frequently.

   e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, and/or Tribal health departments:
      During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
      During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: ☑ No: ☐
      Description of both SYs: SY21 followed DHHS Best Practices.

   f. Diagnostic and screening testing:
      During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☐ Somewhat: ☑ No: ☐
      During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☑
      Description of both SYs: SY21 some biweekly tests administered. SY21 biannual on schools. PCR to be determined for asymptomatic individuals. Awaiting list of vendors.

   g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities:
      During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
Description of both SYs: SY 21 School based clinic for staff
SY 22 School based clinic for student in planning

h. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies:
  During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
  During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
  Description of both SYs: SY 21 Variety of acceptable face coverings
  SY 22 Waiver of mask requirement. Same for SY 22

i. Coordination with state and local health officials (please check one):
  During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
  During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
  Description of both SYs: SY 21 Variety of acceptable best practices for
  SY 22 Need keeping contact Tracy + communication

IV. Continuity of Services

1. The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing student academic needs:
   Description during SY20-21: Summer meal, tutoring, after school programming,
   SY 21 Student Guidance Services, in person 6 days in person
   SY 22 5 days in person. Summer Hobbs, after school +
   Summer programming, training on SEL & mental health
   coordinated with local providers.

2. The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing student social, emotional, mental, and
   other health needs, which may include student health and food services:
   Description during SY20-21: Home visits, teachers & admins reaching out to students & families having difficulty delivering meals.
   Description during SY21-22: Training and personalized services from
   School nurses, Guidance Staff, Teachers & Admin.

3. The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing staff social, emotional, mental, and other
   health needs:
   Description during SY20-21: Articles on suicide, school based check-in
   Supports by nurses, guidance staff, admins, staff teams.
   Description during SY21-22: PLC's, professional development on trauma
   Self-care, surveys, reflection

V. Plan Review

1. The LEA will meet the federal regulatory requirement to review and, as appropriate, revise its Safe
   Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan at least every six months through
   September 30, 2023 (the award period including the Tysdings period). (Note an LEA that developed a
   plan before ARPA was enacted on 03/11/2021 that complied with the federal statutory requirements
   for public posting and comments but does not meet all of the requirements above must revise its plan
   no later than six months after the LEA receives LEA ESSER funds.)
   Yes: ☑ No: ☐
   Description: will review every six months at school
2. In doing so, the LEA will meet the federal statutory requirement to seek public input and take such input into account in determining whether to revise the plan and, if revisions are determined necessary, on the revisions it makes to its plan. 
Yes: ☑ No: ☐
Description: Survey data was considered from stakeholder groups as well as data on COVID trends and guidance from DITTS.

3. In doing so, the LEA will also meet the federal regulatory requirement to address CDC safety recommendations and, if the CDC has updated its safety recommendations at the time the LEA is revising its plan, each of the updated CDC safety recommendations. (Note federal regulation on this plan requires such reporting, but does not require adoption of CDC safety recommendations. The NH DOE recognizes schools will implement localized safety measures based on the guidance provided by the CDC, NH Public Health, and local public health officials.)
Yes: ☑ No: ☐
Description: The Superintendent will make recommendations to the School Board based on guidance from DITTS and CDC. Local Board will make decisions in August 2024.

VI. Authorization

LEA Superintendent’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________

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