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: Wakefield School District

2. Date of Publication: __________________________

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: The reopening plan has been shared multiple times during school board meetings, made available online and in board minutes.

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: The Wakefield School Board sought input from the public in board meetings, online surveys, and a public meeting.

3. The plan is in an understandable and uniform format (please check one):
   Yes: ☒ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
   Description: The plan provided descriptions of each phase and what would need to occur at each phase.

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: The plan was distributed digitally, in writing, and orally.

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: The plan was distributed in multiple media.
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: 
   [The LEA followed guidelines for multiple sources regarding COVID-19 health and safety measures]

   Description during SY21-22: 
   [The LEA will follow guidelines from MDHHS and CDC]

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:
      [The LEA required students and employees to wear masks unless in a mask break. This was to ensure everyone wore masks in the hallways.]

   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:
      [Social distancing was maintained all year.]

   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: [Handwashing and respiratory etiquette were enforced.]

   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 protocols were enhanced throughout the building.]

   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: [Nurse ensured that this was completed.]

   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: [Screening was done by the nurse as needed.]

   g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities:

      During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: □ Somewhat: □ No: □
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: The Special Education Team made accommodations for students with disabilities in regards to health and safety.

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: The LEA has coordinated with state and local health officials.

IV. Continuity of Services

1. The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing student academic needs:
   Description during SY20-21: The LEA continues to monitor student progress and academic progress.
   Description during SY21-22: The LEA will continue to monitor student progress.

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: The LEA has worked with students and families to provide appropriate support.
   Description during SY21-22: The LEA will continue to provide appropriate support.

3. The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing staff social, emotional, mental, and other health needs:
   Description during SY20-21: Staff has been given support that we can use and grow from.
   Description during SY21-22: This will continue.

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 Tydings 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: Plans will be reviewed as needed throughout the 2022-2023 school year.
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: The LEA/School Board will take public input to address this matter.

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 LEA will follow federal regulations.

VI. Authorization

LEA Superintendent’s Signature: ____________________________ Date: 6/18/21