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Mission: Empowering learners, creating equity, cultivating community.

Vision: CCSD 46 provides opportunities that expand learning beyond our walls so that all learners grow locally, connect globally, and excel universally.

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Learning Plan 2023-2024

August, 2023

As we enter the 2023-2024 school year, we acknowledge the importance of balancing the interest of returning our procedures to pre-COVID conditions as much as possible, and continuing to keep some strategies in place to help keep our students, staff, and families as healthy as possible.

It is noted that COVID 19 has taken its toll on the social/emotional well-being of students, staff, and families. We will be embedding instruction in our regular programming to support our students' social/emotional needs, and providing ongoing professional development for our staff. As well, our school social workers are available to provide needed support to students. In addition, CCSD 46 connects families to services through Care Solace, a complimentary and confidential mental health care coordination services. To find a mental health care provider who will help CCSD 46 family members through challenges, contact #CareSolace, at 888-515-0595 or www.caresolace.com/ccsd46.

Please find the current COVID-19 public health guidance for schools below:

 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) <u>Operational Guidance for K-12</u> <u>Schools and Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning</u>

Masking

• We recognize that there are students, staff, and families who may be most comfortable staying masked at all times, and those choices must be respected by all parties. Individuals who are masking should bring their own masks

Self-certification

• By sending a child to school, each day the family certifies that the student does not have COVID symptoms; by coming to school each day, the staff member certifies a symptom-free status

Cleaning Procedures and Indoor Air Quality Enhancements

- Continued use of sprayers and disinfectants to meet current recommendations
- High touch points will continue be cleaned once a day
- Indoor Air Quality Assessments occurred in the fall of 2021, resulting in upgrades in air filtration and ongoing upgrades to building automation to improve indoor air quality

School Funding to Support our Reopening

On Thursday, March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act was signed into law. It is a \$1.9 trillion package of assistance measures, including \$122 billion for the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund. Funds are provided to State educational agencies and school districts to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the Nation's students.

Our district was provided with \$2,141,418 as our initial allocation from ARP ESSER Fund. These funds will need to be expended by 9/30/2024. The district then received an additional allocation of \$1,025,275 from the ARP ESSER Fund known as the "Set Aside" to be expended by 9/30/2022. These ARP ESSER funds totaling \$3,166,693 come with special requirements: At least 20% of the initial funds must be used to address learning loss through evidence-based interventions that support students' academic and social and emotional learning (SEL) needs, with between 1%-5% needed for evidence-based interventions, summer enrichment and afterschool programs. The "Set Aside" has additional requirements for 70% to be allocated to evidence-based interventions, and 14% to each of summer enrichment and afterschool programs. With these requirements, the administration has developed an impactful comprehensive plan to spend these funds effectively as intended.

Regreso a la Instrucción Presencial y Plan del Aprendizaje 2022-2023