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Serving the Communities of Belmont and Canterbury

2023 - 2024 School Opening Plan

Introduction:

The following plan focuses on staff and student safety and well-being, flexibility, and our responsibility to educate our students. **It is the district's goal to operate schools safely and maintain a full, in-person teaching and learning model throughout the year.** This plan is a working document and will need to remain flexible for adjustments in the future.

The Plan:

The district will operate the 2022-2023 school year with a full, in-person learning model. Remote learning will not be an option for students at any grade level.

Weekly Schedule:

Monday through Friday - full, in-person learning.

Daily Schedule:

All schools will operate on a traditional, pre-pandemic, schedule.

District-wide protocols – Public Health Protections (logistics)

Physical Distancing:

Classrooms and common spaces will be configured to maximize physical distancing to the greatest extent possible.

Masking:

Face masks are optional for all individuals, regardless of vaccination status.

****Note - There are other situations where individuals will be required to wear a mask. (Ex. If a student is sent to the nurse's office with COVID-19 symptoms, the student will be required to wear a mask while waiting to be dismissed by the parent/guardian.)**

Screening:

Self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms is encouraged. The district will continue to monitor students with respiratory illness (i.e colds) and will send them home for evaluation and/or COVID-19 testing.

Promoting Hygiene:

Students and staff will be encouraged to wash their hands frequently and use hand sanitizer if/when washing hands is not possible. Staff and students will be encouraged to cover coughs and sneezes with their elbow or with a tissue.

Cleaning and Disinfecting:

The district will use CDC guidance for cleaning and disinfecting, use EPA-approved disinfectant, and maintain a schedule for cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting surfaces that are frequently touched.

Classroom Configurations:

Classrooms will be configured to maximize physical distancing to the greatest extent possible. Circulation of outside air will be increased by opening windows and opening up ventilation systems to the greatest extent possible. Outside spaces will be used as learning spaces when possible.

Other Areas**Communication:**

District-wide communication will come from the Superintendent. Building-level communication will come from the Building Principal. The district will use websites, email, newsletters, learning management systems, social media channels, phone/text alert systems, and local media sources to communicate with the community. Classroom or student support communication will come from the teacher or student support staff (school counselors, nurses, etc.).

Visitors, Volunteers and Outside Organizations:

Visitors, volunteers, and outside organizations will be permitted to enter the schools in accordance with district-wide protocols.

Athletics:

The district will follow state and New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) guidelines in addition to the district's own safety protocols.

Co-Curricular Activities:

Co-curricular activities will take place following the district's safety protocols.

Food Service:

Food service will serve meals in the cafeteria as was done prior to the pandemic.

Bus Transportation:

Seating on buses will be arranged to maximize physical distancing to the greatest extent possible.

Resources used to develop this plan:

[New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)