

#### Jalen Rose Leadership Academy COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan

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Name of Intermediate School District: Jalen Rose Leadership Academy

Name of Authorizing Body: Central Michigan University

Date of Adoption by Board of Directors: 08/10/2020



August 13, 2020 [via email]

Ms. Wendie Lewis Jalen Rose Leadership Academy 15000 Trojan Detroit, MI 48235

Re: Approval of COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan ("Plan")

Dear Ms. Lewis:

I am pleased to inform you that the Plan for Jalen Rose Leadership Academy ("Academy") has been approved by The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools at Central Michigan University and has been transmitted by our office to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Treasurer. The Plan is effective as of the date indicated in the Plan.

To fulfill one of the required assurances, immediately add a copy of the approved Plan to the Academy's Home Page of its website. An approved copy of the Plan is attached and can be found in Epicenter. The approved Plan constitutes a Charter Contract amendment and remains in effect as long as the Plan remains in effect.

If the Academy requires an amendment to the Plan, please contact Amy Densmore, Director of Charter Accountability, at (989) 506-0355 or via email at <a href="mailto:avanatten@thecenterforcharters.org">avanatten@thecenterforcharters.org</a> to initiate that process. Thank you for all your efforts to keep student learning moving forward in these trying times. If you have any further questions or need additional support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Corey Northrop Executive Director

cc: Jalen Rose, Board President Elizabeth Ruiz, Board Corresponding Agent

Attachment:

Approved COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan

# RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLAN ("PREPAREDNESS PLAN") AND APPROVAL OF CHARTER CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Jalen Rose Leadership Academy (the "Academy")

A regular meeting of the Academy Board of Directors was held on the 10 day of August, 2020, at 3PM.

Т	the meeting was called to order at $\underline{}$ 3:0	07 p.m. by Board Mem	ber Greg Boll	;
Present:	Greg Boll, Dean Brody, Dennis Arche	er, Jr., Leigh Chandler,	Wendy Jackson	, Chris Brochert
	John James			
Absent:	Jalen Rose, Jason Langv	vell		
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#### **BACKGROUND**

On June 30, 2020, in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic affecting our state, Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-142 (the "Order") that, provides a structure to support all schools in Michigan as they plan for a return of preK-12 education in the fall. Under the order, all schools must adopt a COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan ("Preparedness Plan") laying out how they will cope with the disease across the various phases of the Michigan Safe Start Plan. Under the Order and the Michigan Safe Schools: Michigan's 2020-2021 Return to School Roadmap developed by the COVID-19 Task Force on Education Return to School Advisory Council ("Return to School Roadmap"), Schools retain flexibility to tailor their instruction to their particular needs and to the disease conditions present in their regions.

Acting under the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, the Order and the Return to School Roadmap state:

- 1. Coronavirus relief funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act will be provided and may be used to aid in developing, adopting, and following a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan under section 2 of the Order.
- 2. Every school must develop and adopt a Preparedness Plan that is informed by the Return to School Roadmap.
- 3. By August 15, 2020 or seven days before the start of the school year for students, whichever comes first: the Academy Board must approve its Preparedness Plan.
- 4. By August 17, 2020, the Academy's authorizing body, Central Michigan University, must collect the Preparedness Plan and transmit such plan to the Superintendent and to the State Treasurer.
- 5. By August 17, 2020, the Academy must prominently post its approved Preparedness Plan on the Academy's website home page.

The Academy submitted its Preparedness Plan to Central Michigan University ("Authorizer") for review and approval.

The Academy Board of Directors ("Academy Board") is required to approve the Academy's Preparedness Plan by August 15, 2020 or seven days before the start of the school year for students, whichever comes first, and is required to approve the Academy's Preparedness Plan as a charter contract ("Contract") amendment.

#### THE ACADEMY BOARD THEREFORE RESOLVES THAT:

- 1. The actions taken by Academy representatives to prepare and submit the Academy's Preparedness Plan to Authorizer are ratified.
- 2. The Preparedness Plan, as approved by the Authorizer, is approved by the Academy Board as the COVID-19 Preparedness Plan and as the COVID-19 Preparedness Plan Amendment to the Contract. This Contract Amendment shall remain in effect as long as The Preparedness Plan remains in effect. The Board President is authorized to sign and submit the Contract amendment to the Authorizer for approval.
- 3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.
- 4. The Academy will deliver from time to time such information regarding the implementation of the Academy's Preparedness Plan as the Authorizer or Michigan Department of Education may reasonably request.
- 5. Any Board policies or provision of Board policies that prohibit or impede the Academy's compliance with The Preparedness Plan or Executive Order 2020-142 are temporarily waived, suspended or altered.
- 6. Any actions or actions taken by authorized Academy representatives in the development, submission and implementation of The Preparedness Plan are (to the extent such actions or actions are not inconsistent with the delegation of authority provided under this resolution) ratified and confirmed in all respects.
- 7. This Resolution shall take immediate effect and continue through the end of the state of emergency and disaster declared in Executive Order 2020-127 and any subsequent executive order declaring a state of emergency or disaster in response to COVID-19 or the end of the 2020-2021 school year, whichever is sooner.

Ayes:	
Nays:0	
Resolution declared adopted.	
	Dennis Archer, Jr.
	Print Name: Dennis Archer, Jr.
	Secretary, Academy Board



#### **Assurances**

- The Academy will cooperate with local public health authorities if a confirmed case of COVID-19 is identified and, in particular will collect the contact information for any close contacts of the affected individual from two days before he or she shows symptoms to the time when he or she was last present at the Academy.
- The Academy acknowledges that it is subject to the rules governing workplace safety established in section 1 of Executive Order 2020-114 or any successor order and has adopted a Workplace Preparedness Plan. A copy of this plan is attached.
- The Academy will be or is closed to in-person instruction when the region in which it is located in Michigan Safe Start Plan Phases 1-3.
- The Academy's sponsored inter-school, after school activities and athletics will be suspended when the region in which it is located in is in Michigan Safe Start Plan Phases 1-3.
- The Academy will comply with guidance from the United States Department of Education, including its Office of Civil Rights and office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, and the Michigan Department of Education concerning the delivery of alternative modes of instruction to students with disabilities in light of the impact of COVID-19.
- The Academy will provide for the continued pay of school employees while redeploying staff to provide meaningful work in the context of the Preparedness Plan, subject to any applicable requirements of a collective bargaining agreement if applicable.
- The Academy prohibits indoor assemblies that bring together students from more than one classroom during Michigan Safe Start Plan Phase 4.

Jalen Rose

President, Board of Directors

Board approved: <u>08/10/2020</u>



#### **Introduction and Overview**

During adversity and prosperity, we always keep our mission and values at the center of our decision making process. At Jalen Rose Leadership Academy, our mission is to empower all scholars to develop the strength of character, skills, and knowledge needed to matriculate into, be great in, and graduate from college so that they have opportunities to be successful in the competitive world and to take care of themselves and the people that they love. We do this by living our values of FAMILY, RESPECT, EXCELLENCE, and DETERMINATION. We strive to achieve our mission in all that we do, and that was especially true last year as our school transitioned to online learning to support our scholars through COVID-19 closures.

Consistent with the Michigan Safe Start Plan and MI Safe Schools: Michigan's 2020-21 Return to School Roadmap, our school will maintain as their first priority, the safety and health of their scholars, parents, teachers and staff. We have, and will continue to, make decisions based on the guidance of MDE, local health officials, and by listening to feedback from our families, staff, leaders, and Board members.

We have focused on three guiding principles to create our plans within each phase which are:

- 1. **Health and Safety**: Our design prioritizes adherence to health and safety guidelines and mandates presented by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the State of Michigan, including distancing, hand-washing, and sanitizing. There are many stakeholders to consider: from immune-compromised students, to staff members with atrisk relatives at home. Prioritizing health and safety does **not** mean solving for or eliminating every risk for our community; however, it does mean making smart, feasible decisions that prioritize community safety. This includes offering families choices, investing in safety equipment, and creating multiple daily schedules.
- 2. **Joyful and Rigorous Curriculum**: Something we pride ourselves in is educating our scholars in our Big 3: academic hard skills, soft skills and mindsets, and identifying relevance and belonging. Each one of these three is pivotal to our scholars' development towards college graduation. We have designed assessments (instructional and mental health) to identify areas of support while still focusing on our work of helping scholars know who they are and how they are relevant in our community. This will be delivered through the computer and during non-screen time to provide opportunities for scholars to still learn while not being in front of a screen.
- 3. **Build Adult Capacity:** What we were reminded of the most last spring was the incredible commitment and determination of our staff to provide scholars with the instructional, emotional, mental, and physical assistance they needed to maintain their education. For leaders, it will mean creating mechanisms to collect data and learn from



bright spots, assess and evaluate needs quickly and continuously. For teachers, it will be to learn from PD, find best practices, and remain a continuous learner.

We anticipate a gradual return to the physical buildings and classrooms beginning at some point during the 2020-21 school year. This gradual return will take into consideration the 6 phases consistent with the MI Safe Schools Roadmap, which in turn is consistent with the 6 phases of the MI Safe Start Plan. In taking these into consideration, we will follow at least the minimum safety guidelines outlined. We are prepared to flexibly move in and out of these phases as COVID-19 circumstances may change throughout the 2020-21 school year:

- Phase 1-3: All Students Stay at Home (100% remote learning)
- Phase 4: Scholar groups have the option to attend school in cohort groups-on designated days- with remote learning on days when not on site. Scholars also have the option to be educated 100% remotely should they so choose.
- Phase 5-6: 100% On site with increased safety guidelines, with the option for scholars to continue to be educated 100% remotely should they so choose.

For families that do not feel comfortable sending their scholars to school at all, we will offer a 100% remote option that families will elect to stay in on a quarterly basis and then given the opportunity at the end of each quarter to work with the school to determine if a transition to on-site learning is appropriate. Scholars do not have to be a previous scholar at our school to be eligible for this option, but a plan will be created in collaboration with the school and family to ensure that this option can maximize the college going culture we have within our building.

If we have learned anything from COVID-19, is that communication is key. Stakeholder involvement was, and will continue to be, a top priority for us as we work through this school year. We will approach this document as a living document that will be improved upon as we receive feedback from stakeholders. We will consistently evaluate our program and work with all stakeholders towards improvement. If we need to make changes, it will be communicated effectively during both the design stage and an implementation stage.

Start of the School Year: We have surveyed staff and families, and at this time our community is most comfortable starting the school year 100% virtual, which will model our Phase 1, 2, 3 plan. We will continue to survey our stakeholders during Quarter 1 to determine if perspectives on being 100% virtual have shifted, and we will then determine if a change to hybrid is needed.



#### Plan for Operating during Phases 1, 2 or 3 of the Michigan Safe Start Plan

#### Phase 1, 2, or 3 Safety Protocols

#### **District and Building Implementation Plan:**

During Phase 1-3, school will be closed for in-person instruction. The building will not be used by a licensed childcare provider. Only employees and contractors that are needed to conduct minimum basic school operations, including remote live instruction, will be permitted to enter the building. Staff members that support live instruction will only need to enter the school building if they need access to items within the building to conduct lessons. Otherwise, they will be working remotely. All social distancing guidelines will be followed by anyone that enters the building. All busing operations will be suspended as well as all extracurricular activities and athletics.

While the school building is closed for in-person instruction, we will continue to maintain our school buildings in good working order to prepare for the subsequent return of students including auditing necessary materials and supply chain for cleaning/disinfection supplies. Our facilities team will execute school cleaning and disinfection protocols according to the CDC guidelines. In addition, the custodial staff will wear masks and/or face coverings when performing the cleaning duties and follow all appropriate safety protocols. Our school will work with the local ISD to create a contingency plan to coordinate the use of school buildings for essential actions including (and only as appropriate) elections and food distribution.

We will ensure food distribution is available for our scholars during Phases 1-3. In partnership with our food service vendor, breakfast and lunch meals will be distributed. We will update all stakeholders regarding the food distribution schedule through our school messenger system, email, social media, and website postings on a regular basis. School team members may be reallocated to support food distribution as needed. We will also continue to update all stakeholders of the other available food distribution sites in the surrounding areas.

#### Phase 1, 2, or 3 Mental & Social-Emotional Health

All protocols included on page 16 of the Roadmap that are "Strongly Recommended" will be implemented. Below you can find how our guiding principles applied to those recommendations.

**Health and Safety:** The physical and mental health of our students is paramount. We will be conducting scholar surveys that will help us identify scholars who could be struggling with



mental health. We will use this data to identify scholars who need additional help and to inform and develop social emotional support for scholars and training for staff. We have also established a wellness team and wellness survey. This is family-focused and will be used to identify families that need additional services and help us identify any additional scholars who need assistance but may not have been identified in our scholar survey.

As situations arise, school staff who are alerted to a concern will reach out to instructional coaches, students' advisors, and school administrators. The administrative team will contact our school-specific supports who will be given details and will contact families in need. Support is provided virtually or through phone conversations depending on requests from families.

Joyful and Rigorous Curriculum: We understand that students and their families are experiencing significant disruption in their lives and that their child's health and safety are paramount. So, as we continue to implement our remote learning plan, we remain committed to teaching and learning and providing students a sense of normalcy, direction, and purpose. At the same time, we do not want students to experience any added stress or anxiety. If for any reason a student needs an accommodation or modification relative to their remote learning experience, parents are asked to, without hesitation, reach out to their child's teachers, advisor, or school administrators. We have an advisory system that will focus on building and sustaining relationships with peers and the teacher. Frequent surveys from scholars, families, and staff will be used to help teachers make informal and formal shifts to accommodate the specific needs of the scholars in the advisory.

**Building Adult Capacity**: We recognize that helping scholars through mental health is particularly difficult if staff are also struggling with their mental health. Additional PD will be provided this year around destignatizing mental health, including building upon our sessions last year on self-compassion for educators. We have created a menu of resources for our staff to use that include online and community based assets. We have also established a Crisis Intervention Hotline through our partner, Global Psychology Services "GPS," accessible to all staff and run by social workers and trained crisis counselors to handle a wide spectrum of interventions.

#### Phase 1, 2, or 3 Instruction

When our region is in Phase 1, 2, or 3, or when our leadership team has identified a need to do so, we will conduct our remote learning plan. There were many successes from our transition to remote learning last spring. We have used a range of surveys, focus groups, and committee work to review our plan from last year and improve upon it. We have used the base of that plan as our starting point for fall planning, which was created in collaboration with the JRLA Board of Directors and other stakeholders. Throughout last spring we had regular meetings with our Board

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and staff to receive feedback, which we used to outline our current plans. All protocols included on page 17-18 of the Roadmap, which are "Strongly Recommended" will be implemented. Below you can find how our guiding principles applied to those recommendations.

**Health and Safety:** We will offer 100% of families access to technology in order to participate in our remote learning. Our goal is to increase the percentage of scholars who will engage in learning through technology, with the hope of 100% participation, but we recognize that special considerations for family specific needs should be prioritized. We feel that remote learning is the safest experience for our families during a regional designation of Phase 1, 2, or 3 so that they can stay home and avoid the risk of infection. All necessary safety and health guidelines will be followed for any onsite meeting or professional development.

Joyful and Rigorous Curriculum: In order to create a relevant curriculum that meets scholars where they are, we will assess scholars early and often to ensure grade level learning targets are being met and are scaffolded where needed. Remote grade level meetings, department meetings, and data team meetings will be held to review scholar data with teachers and create plans for reteaching or acceleration where needed. Instructional delivery will be a combination of synchronous learning to ensure that scholars are delivered high quality grade level instruction, and asynchronous learning through projects and activities to support power standards while being able to work away from the computer. Remote office hours will be utilized to help struggling scholars. Intervention programs will also be used, as needed, during asynchronous instructional time that will be tailored to the specific needs of the scholar. We will offer all of our previous courses remotely.

The Special Education team will conduct professional development for leaders and teachers around MDE guidance for this school year. Special education teachers and general education teachers will have additional planning time to review IEPs and create meaningful learning plans for each scholar that will be aligned with grade level curriculum and IEP goals.

**Building Adult Capacity**: Professional development will be provided for staff in the most appropriate setting (remote or on-site) in August and throughout the school year. We have robust PD that spans over multiple weeks in August and is designed to address the specific needs of our staff based on changes to our remote plan, survey data from staff, and research based strategies to increase effectiveness of remote instruction. PD will also be offered weekly throughout the school year, based on school-wide needs identified by the school's leadership team, scholar assessment, participation data, and survey data from staff. Additional staff development will occur around restorative support for teachers, equity and implicit bias, social-emotional learning, and culturally responsive teaching throughout the year.

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On site and remote workshops designed to help the parent/guardian and scholars maximize their use of technology during remote instruction will be delivered at the beginning of the year, and then throughout the year as the need arises. Written and in-person communication for our families will include our school schedule, protocols and procedures for arrival, dismissal, and lunch, and information around remote learning. Feedback will be taken and used accordingly as the year progresses.



#### Phase 1, 2, or 3 Operations

#### **Facilities**

#### Strongly Recommended from the Michigan Return to School Roadmap

- 1. Audit necessary materials and supply chain for cleaning and disinfection supplies.
- 2. Continue to maintain schools in good working order to prepare for the subsequent return of students.
- 3. Execute school cleaning and disinfection protocols according to the CDC School Decision Tree.
- 4. Custodial staff are recommended to wear surgical masks when performing cleaning duties.
- 5. ISDs and schools should create a contingency plan to coordinate the use of school buildings for essential actions including elections and food distribution.
- 6. Coordinate with Local Emergency Management Programs (LEMP) for support with procurement of cleaning and disinfection supplies.

#### **District and Building Implementation Plan**

While the school building is closed for in-person instruction, we will continue to maintain our school buildings in good working order to prepare for the subsequent return of students including auditing necessary materials and supply chain for cleaning/disinfection supplies. Our facilities team will execute school cleaning and disinfection protocols according to the CDC guidelines. In addition, the custodial staff will wear surgical masks when performing the cleaning duties and follow all appropriate safety protocols. Our school will work with the local ISD to create a contingency plan to coordinate the use of school buildings for essential actions including (and only as appropriate) elections and food distribution.

#### **Technology**

#### Strongly Recommended from the Michigan Return to School Roadmap

To support remote learning, our district assures the following:

- 1. We have surveyed families to collect information about the numbers, types, and condition of devices used in their homes to support remote learning.
- 2. Ensure every student has access to the appropriate technology and connectivity needed to continue learning.
  - a. We are providing each scholar with a device to be used regardless of



whether instruction takes place remotely or onsite.

- b. We are providing our families with the option of discounted internet access through hot spots.
- 3. We have assigned our school's Dean of Operations as the point of contact to plan and communicate with district technology teams.
- 4. We have developed a district technology plan that includes guidance for schools. If possible, include training and support for educators to adapt remote learning for the classroom.
- 5. We have identified a device and/or general technology support lead for each school. Consider elevating that position to a more formal role and providing additional support potentially with parent volunteers.
- 6. We have assigned technology process leaders to key efforts and publish their contact information on the district intranet and/or internet.
- 7. We will provide families access to a "help desk" via our technology partner, MacroConnect.
- 8. We will develop a district-wide procedure for return and inventory of districtowned devices as part of a return to school technology plan. The procedures should include:
  - Safely bagging devices collected at schools;
  - Sanitizing the devices prior to a repair or replacement evaluation;
  - Ordering accessories that may be needed over the summer; and
  - Conducting prepared maintenance routines to remove malware and fix standard issues including screen, keyboard, or battery replacement.
- 9. We will identify an asset tracking tool.
- 10. We will utilize our technology partner, MacroConnect to assist with processing, returning, and maintaining devices, if needed.
- 11. We will develop on-site triage of staff and student devices to minimize the time that staff may be without a device.
- 12. We will ensure that students can submit assignments and be evaluated accordingly.
- 13. We will schedule ongoing staff training on platforms and tools.
- 14. We will review and update (as needed) relevant technology policies including data privacy policies, acceptable use policies, and policies related to accidental damage, theft, and loss of technology.

#### **District and Building Implementation Plan**

We are prepared to implement all strongly recommended protocols as indicated above.



#### Budget, Food Service, Enrollment, and Staffing

#### Strongly Recommended from the Michigan Return to School Roadmap

- 1. Based on instructional programming, provide instructional resources and materials to staff and students as feasible.
- 2. Work with MDE to understand flexibility with hiring and develop a plan to govern hiring in a remote environment.
- 3. Ensure a plan for nutrition services and student meals is in place and provide a list of alternative meal options to families.
- 4. Solidify food service processes, device distribution, delivery sites, and communication plans as necessary.
- 5. Define logistical expectations, including attendance expectations and time on schooling by grade level for students and teachers.

#### **District and Building Implementation Plan**

- Our staff and students will be supplied with the appropriate instructional resources and materials no later than August 28, 2020.
- Human Resources will continue to work with MDE regarding flexibility with hiring and coordinate with school leaders on a plan to hire virtually to fill vacancies as necessary.
- The school food service director and/or business manager is coordinating with our food service vendor to ensure student meals are provided. If our food service vendor is unable to accommodate, we will ensure our school families are supplied with a list of alternative food service sites.
- The school food service director and/or business manager will have completed food service processes, device distribution, delivery sites and communication plans prepared by August 15, 2020 in preparation for Phase 1-3 if necessary.
- We will monitor attendance through both participation and completion of daily assignments. Assignments left unattended/incomplete will count towards a scholar's attendance for the day. We will be reaching out to families daily.



#### Plan for Operating During Phase 4 of the Michigan Safe Start Plan

#### **Phase 4 Safety Protocols**

Our school is committed to reopening our buildings for in-person instruction with the following protocols to ensure our students and staff can return to school safely. For Phase 4, we will ensure the following:

- Our school preparedness and response activities continue and we will conduct ongoing surveillance and execute all mitigation measures;
- Our schools are prepared to implement social distancing measures;
- We are prepared for short-term dismissals and the suspension of extracurricular activities; and
- We will work in partnership with our local health department and ISD for guidance.

Our schools will be prepared to receive scholars based on the approved instructional plan whether that be full in-person instruction, a hybrid remote/in-person model, or fully remote. At this point, our scholars will start the school year remotely, at least through the first quarter. In the event we have scholars return, our schools will ensure all required and strongly recommended items listed in the Return to School Roadmap are implemented in preparation to receive scholars for in-person instruction as detailed below.

#### **Personal Protective Equipment**

#### Requirements from the Michigan Return to School Roadmap

- 1. Facial coverings must always be worn by staff except for meals. Facial coverings may be homemade or disposable level-one (basic) grade surgical masks. Any staff member who cannot medically tolerate a facial covering must not wear one. Any staff member that is incapacitated or unable to remove the facial covering without assistance, must not wear a facial covering. Staff will be offered a face shield as long as it is medically tolerable to wear one.
  - Special education teachers should consider wearing clear masks.
  - Homemade facial coverings must be washed daily.
  - Disposable facial coverings must be disposed of at the end of each day.
- 2. Facial coverings must be worn by preK-12 students, staff, and bus drivers during school transportation. Any staff or student that is unable to medically tolerate a facial covering must not wear one. Staff or students will be offered a face shield as long as it is



medically tolerable to wear one. Those students will be offered a face shield as long as it is medically tolerable to wear one. Any staff or student that is incapacitated or unable to remove the facial covering without assistance, must not wear one. Facial coverings may be homemade or disposable level-one (basic) grade surgical masks.

- 3. Facial coverings must always be worn in hallways and common areas by preK-12 students in the building except for during meals. Any student that is unable to medically tolerate a facial covering must not wear one. Students will be offered a face shield as long as it is medically tolerable to wear one. Any student that is incapacitated or unable to remove the facial covering without assistance, must not wear one. Facial coverings may be homemade or disposable level-one (basic) grade surgical masks.
  - Homemade facial coverings must be washed daily.
  - Disposable facing coverings must be disposed of at the end of each day.
- 4. Facial coverings must be worn in classrooms by all students grades 6-12. Any student who cannot medically tolerate a facial covering must not wear one. Students will be offered a face shield as long as it is medically tolerable to wear one. Any student who is incapacitated, or unable to remove the facial covering without assistance, must not wear one.

### Strongly Recommended from the Michigan Return to School Roadmap

- 1. Students with special needs will wear facial coverings in classrooms.
- 2. Students with special needs will wear face coverings in hallways and common areas.

#### **District and Building Implementation Plan**

- The expectations for the wearing of face coverings including the face coverings maintenance procedures will be included in staff training, student handbooks, and parent communications. Staff and students will be offered a face shield as an alternative if they are unable to wear one due to a medical condition.
- Students, parents and staff will be required to sign-off on their awareness of the policies before the first day of school.
- Building, grounds, and transportation signage will be prominent throughout all school facilities.
- Two fabric face coverings will be ordered and provided to every student and staff member before the first day of school. Disposable masks will be provided in the event a staff member or student do not have their fabric face covering.
- Students who claim medical exemption will need to provide medical documentation to the main office. Exempted individuals will be recorded in PowerSchool and issued a sticker to display on their student or staff ID indicating this exemption.
- Staff that require medical exemption will be required to provide medical documentation



to HR.

- Students who are capable of wearing a face covering and refuse to do so in an area where a face covering is required will be issued a face covering by a school official (teacher, paraprofessional, administrator, school safety staff, playground aid, etc.) and asked to put the face covering on. The instance will be documented as a log entry in PowerSchool.
- Students showing patterns of non-compliance will be removed from the school building and placed into remote instruction until the student agrees to comply with this safety protocol. Parents will be notified of each instance of non-compliance by the administration, Continued removals from the school building will result in Administration meeting with the student and family to determine together the best instructional placement option for the student, taking into consideration the health and safety of the student and school community.
- Staff who are capable of wearing a face covering and refuse to do so will be addressed by HR and could face progressive disciplinary measures up to and including termination.
- Guests to the school building (presenters, substitute teachers, etc.) will be issued a disposable face covering upon signing in at the main office and will be instructed to wear the face covering at all times. Instances of non-compliance will result in the guest being escorted from the building by the building administrator.
- In instances of uncertainty about individuals not wearing face coverings, these matters will be relayed to the building administration for review and decisive action.

#### Hygiene

#### Requirements from the Michigan Return to School Roadmap

- 1. Provide adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors (including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol for safe use by staff and students, paper towels, tissues, and signs reinforcing proper handwashing techniques).
- 2. Reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or the safe use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

- 1. Educate staff and students on how to cough and sneeze into their elbows, or to cover with a tissue. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately using proper hand hygiene techniques.
- 2. Systematically and frequently check and refill soap and hand sanitizers.
- 3. Students and teachers must have scheduled handwashing with soap and water every 2-3 hours.
- 4. Limit sharing of personal items and supplies such as writing utensils.



- 5. Keep students' personal items separate and in individually labeled cubbies, containers, or lockers.
- 6. Limit use of classroom materials to small groups and disinfect between use or provide adequate supplies to assign for individual student use.
- 7. Procure portable handwashing and/or hand sanitizing stations to set up throughout school buildings.

#### **District and Building Implementation Plan**

- Every classroom will be supplied hand sanitizer for regular use.
- Supplies (paper towels, soap, hand sanitizer, tissues, trash receptacles) will be checked daily and restocked in the classroom.
- Teachers will be required to contact the school's main office immediately, if supplies run low during the school day.
- Each classroom will have a hygiene protocol with timelines that are posted and communicated regularly in newsletters, school messenger, signage throughout the building, website, etc. It will include the classroom's hand washing schedule and the room and materials cleaning schedule.
- Teachers will instruct students (and reinforce as necessary) the following:
  - Proper handwashing
  - How to cough and sneeze into their elbows, or to cover with a tissue and dispose of it in the trash
- Proper mitigation strategies including hand washing and sneezing will be communicated to families. Parents and caregivers will be asked to review and reinforce these techniques with the students.
- The operations and business staff will ensure the school is equipped with enough supplies inducing:
  - o soap
  - hand sanitizer
  - o paper towels
- Supplies will be ordered on a quarterly basis, or as needed.
- Sharing school supplies will be limited, and each student will have their own supply box for materials.
- A list of these supplies will be generated as appropriate for each grade level and or specific middle school or high school course.

#### **Spacing, Movement and Access**



- 1. Desks will be spaced six feet apart in classrooms. Class sizes should be kept to the level afforded by necessary spacing requirements.
- 2. In classrooms where large tables are utilized, students will be spaced as far apart as feasible.
- 3. As feasible, all desks will be arranged facing the same direction toward the front of the classroom.
- 4. Teachers should maintain six feet of spacing between themselves and students as much as possible.
- 5. Family members or other guests are not allowed in the school building except under extenuating circumstances determined by district and school officials.
- 6. Signage will be posted to indicate proper social distancing.
- 7. Floor tape or other markers should be used at six foot intervals where line formation is anticipated.
- 8. Social distancing floor/seating markings will be placed in waiting and reception areas.
- 9. Signs will be placed on the doors of restrooms to indicate proper social distancing and hand hygiene techniques.
- 10. Adult guests entering the building should be screened for symptoms, wear a facial covering, and wash/sanitize hands prior to entering. Strict records, including date and time, should be kept of non-school employees or other visitors entering and exiting the building.

#### **District and Building Implementation Plan**

- Facility staff will inventory the number of desks, tables, and measure each building space to determine the building capacity with physical distance recommendations by July 15, 2020.
- Hallways, cafeteria, and entry will be marked in 6-foot increments by August 20, 2020.
- Signage will be posted throughout the building and on restroom doors reminding students, staff, and guests of the social distancing requirement.
- Visitor policy will be updated to reflect screening requirements for building visitors. The building will be limited to essential visitors only and adjusted protocol for parent/guardian student pick up.
- Plexiglass has been installed in the main office.

#### **Screening Students and Staff**

#### Requirements from the Michigan Return to School Roadmap

1. Schools must cooperate with the local public health department regarding implementing protocols for screening students and staff.



- 1. The school has designated a quarantine area and a staff person to care for students who become ill at school
- 2. Students who become ill with symptoms of COVID-19 will be placed in the quarantine area with a surgical mask until they can be picked up. Any staff that interacts with these students will wear a surgical mask, with the exception of students with special needs requiring aerosolized procedures in which an N95 mask is required.
- 3. Symptomatic students sent home from school are required to stay home until they can present a negative test results or have completely recovered according to CDC guidelines.
- 4. Staff are required to conduct daily self-examinations including a temperature check prior to coming to work. If they exhibit any respiratory or gastrointestinal symptoms or have a temperature of 100.4 or greater they should stay home

#### **District and Building Implementation Plan**

- Our school will work with the local health department to ensure we are following the appropriate protocol for screening students and staff.
- The school will identify a remote and secluded room, no smaller than 100 square feet to serve as an isolation area. The room will have appropriate PPE including surgical masks, N95 Masks, gloves, and sanitizing wipes
- School office staff will ensure that the student is directed to the isolation area and notify the school leader of the symptomatic student. A log entry will be entered into PowerSchool immediately to note the time placed in the isolation area as well as the pick up time.
- The main office will communicate with the parent/guardian with specific directions on where and how to pick up the student and additional next steps.
- The main office will contact the student/family each day after removal until negative COVID-19 test results are provided and verified before the student can return to school.
- The health department will be contacted after parents have been contacted to assist in contact tracing and notification of vulnerable individuals.
- All school staff will be required to conduct a health screening questionnaire at home prior to coming to work and verifying through a Google form that they are safe to work. This will include taking their own temperature.
- If the Google form is not available, the team member will be required to complete a paper health screening questionnaire as soon as they are on site.
- Staff who are unable to work due to displaying COVID-19 symptoms will be required to report to the school leader. Appropriate follow up with the staff member will be completed.

#### Testing Protocols for Students and Staff and Responding to Positive Cases



#### Requirements from the Michigan Return to School Roadmap

1. Schools must cooperate with the local public health department regarding implementing protocols for screening students and staff.

#### Strongly Recommended from the Michigan Return to School Roadmap

- 1. Students who develop a fever or become ill with COVID-19 symptoms at school will wear a mask and be transported by their parent or guardian, emergency contact, or ambulance (if clinically unstable), for off-site testing.
- 2. Staff who develop a fever or become ill with COVID-19 symptoms at school will wear a mask and sent for off-site testing.
- 3. Symptomatic students and staff sent home from school should be kept home until they have tested negative for COVID-19 or have been released from isolation according to CDC guidelines.
- 4. Families will be notified of the presence of any laboratory positive or clinically diagnosed cases of COVID-19 in the classroom and/or school to encourage closer observation for any symptoms at home.
- 5. In the event of a lab or clinically diagnosed case of COVID-19, immediate efforts will be made to contact any close contacts (those who spent more than 15 minutes less than six feet in close proximity to the student or staff member) so that they can be quarantined for 14 days at home. Students and staff should be closely monitored for any symptoms of COVID-19. At this time, empiric testing of all students or staff members in the class is not recommended. Only those that develop symptoms require testing for COVID-19.

#### **District and Building Implementation Plan**

- If a student or staff have is confirmed to have COVID-19, The student/staff member AND all household members of the student/staff member are immediately excluded from school until:
  - o 10 days since symptoms first appeared; AND
  - At least 24 hours with no fever (>100.4 F) (without the use of fever-reducing medication) AND
  - Symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea etc.)
- The confirmed positive student/staff member is instructed to isolate at home. Household members, classmates, and teachers who have been within 6 feet of the person for at least



15 minutes of the isolated student/staff person who are close contacts are excluded for 14 days after their last date of close contact with the positive case.

#### Responding to Positive Tests Among Staff and Students

#### Requirements from the Michigan Return to School Roadmap

1. All schools, public and private, must cooperate with the local public health department if a confirmed case of COVID-19 is identified, and in particular, must collect the contact information for any close contacts of the affected individual from two days before he or she showed symptoms to the time when he or she was last present at the school.

- 1. Notify Public Health Wayne County/Detroit, staff, and students immediately of any possible case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable federal and state privacy laws.
- 2. Public Health Wayne County/Detroit will initiate contact tracing, following regular public health practice. Anyone who was within close contact of the case (less than six feet apart for 15+ minutes) will be asked to self-quarantine for up to 14 days after exposure.
  - a. Public Health depending on the situation, may identify other contacts who require quarantine. Schools can help the local health department by collecting data and contact information of those exposed.
  - b. Staff will adhere to confidentiality laws and statutes that protect student and staff health information. Student communicable disease related information is protected health information. (Even if a family/student acknowledges and publicly discloses a positive test, school staff and officials must not participate in discussions or acknowledge a positive test).
- 3. Employees with a confirmed case of COVID-19 should only return to the workplace after they are no longer infectious. Public Health Muskegon County will provide instruction about return to work, using the most current guidelines from the CDC for this determination.
- 4. <u>Cleaning staff should wear</u> a surgical mask, gloves, and a face shield when performing cleaning of these areas.



5. If possible, smaller areas such as individual classrooms should be closed for 24 hours before cleaning to minimize the risk of any airborne particles.

#### **District and Building Implementation Plan**

- We will cooperate with the local public health department if a confirmed case of COVID-19 is identified.
- We will collect contact information of any close contacts of the affected individual from two days before he/she showed symptoms to the time they were last present in the building.
- The local health department, staff and students will be notified of any possible cases of COVID-19 per the guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable federal and state privacy laws.
- Families will be notified of the presence of any laboratory positive or clinically diagnosed cases of COVID-19 in the classroom and/or school to encourage closer observation for any symptoms at home.
- In the event of a lab or clinically diagnosed case of COVID-19, immediate efforts should be made to contact any close contacts (those who spent more than 15 minutes less than six feet in close proximity to the student or staff member) so that they can be quarantined for 14 days at home.
- Students and staff should be closely monitored for any symptoms of COVID-19.
- At this time, empiric testing of all students or staff members in the class is not recommended. Only those that develop symptoms require testing for COVID-19.

#### Food Service, Gathering, and Extracurricular Activities

#### Required from the Michigan Return to School Roadmap

1. Prohibit indoor assemblies that bring together students from more than one classroom.

- 1. Large scale assemblies of more than 50 students are suspended.
- 2. Off-site field trips that require bus transportation to an indoor location are suspended.
- 3. If cafeterias must be used, meal times will be staggered to create seating arrangements with six feet of distance between students.



#### **District and Building Implementation Plan**

- The school prohibits all indoor assemblies.
- The school prohibits off-site field trips that require bus transportation to an indoor location.
- A staggered lunch schedule will be implemented to ensure social distancing in the cafeteria.

#### **Athletics**

#### Required from the Michigan Return to School Roadmap

- 1. Comply with all guidance published by Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).
- 2. Students, teachers, and staff must use proper hand hygiene techniques before and after every practice, event, or other gathering. Every participant should confirm that they are healthy and without any symptoms prior to any event.
- 3. All equipment must be disinfected before and after use.
- 4. Inter-school competitions may be held provided facial coverings are worn if school transportation is provided. Buses must be cleaned and disinfected before and after every use, as detailed in the subsequent "Busing and Student Transportation" section.
- 5. Spectators are allowed provided that facial coverings are used by observers and six feet of social distancing can be maintained at all times. Attention must be given to entry and exit points to prevent crowding.
- 6. Each participant must use a clearly marked water bottle for individual use. There should be no sharing of this equipment.
- 7. Handshakes, fist bumps, and other unnecessary contact must not occur.
- 8. Indoor weight rooms and physical conditioning activities that require shared equipment are suspended. Outdoor physical conditioning activities are allowed while maintaining social distancing.
- 9. Large scale indoor spectator events are suspended.
- 10. Large scale outdoor spectator or stadium events are limited to 100 people, and people not part of the same household must maintain six feet of distance from one another.

#### **District and Building Implementation Plan**

• All requirements will be added to the school's Athletic Manual.



• All coaches and student athletes will be trained on the updated safety protocol in advance of any athletic season.

#### Cleaning

#### Required from the Michigan Return to School Roadmap

- 1. <u>Frequently touched surfaces</u> including light switches, doors, benches, bathrooms, must undergo cleaning at least every four hours with either an <u>EPA-approved disinfectant</u> or diluted bleach solution.
- 2. Libraries, computer labs, arts, and other hands- on classrooms must undergo cleaning after every class period with either an <u>EPA-approved disinfectant</u> or diluted bleach solution.
- 3. Student desks must be wiped down with either an <u>EPA-approved disinfectant</u> or diluted bleach solution after every class period.
- 4. Playground structures must continue to undergo normal routine cleaning, but using an EPA- approved disinfectant is unnecessary.
- 5. Ensure safe and correct use and storage of cleaning and disinfection products, including storing products securely away from children, and with adequate ventilation when staff use products.
- 6. Staff must wear gloves, surgical masks, and face shields when performing all cleaning activities.

#### **District and Building Implementation Plan**

- The school's Facility Manager will meet with the school custodial teams to review all guidance related to cleaning and disinfecting of buildings and to review the Building Operations sections of the MI Safe Schools: Michigan's 2020-21 Return to School Roadmap.
- An inventory will be conducted by the Facility Manager and custodial vendor related to all cleaning supplies that are in compliance with EPA-approved COVID-19 materials will be taken and orders made to address increased cleaning protocols.
- Cleaning and disinfection products will be stored in secure storage closets.
- All classrooms will be provided disinfecting wipes, spray bottles with EPA-approved disinfectant or diluted bleach solution, paper towels, face shield and gloves in order to address new cleaning protocols. Staff must wear gloves, a mask and face shield when cleaning. Students will not be allowed access to the cleaning solutions but will have access to hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes.
- Custodial staff will walk the building wiping all high frequency usage areas every four hours. Staff will note the time and date and initials on a chart that is kept daily.



- Classroom teachers and students will wipe down the students' desks every time students exit the room at the elementary level or after every period at the secondary level with EPA-approved disinfectant or diluted bleach solution. All classrooms will have the appropriate EPA-approved disinfectant or diluted bleach solution in their rooms.
- Staff will be expected to wipe down their work area every two hours as necessary.
- A deep clean of the building will occur every Wednesday based on the proposed instructional calendar.
- A training on cleaning materials and protocols will be provided to the staff through a virtual meeting the first week of school. This training will show the use of PPE when cleaning, protocols for the classroom and storage of cleaning materials.

#### **Busing and Student Transportation**

#### Required from the Michigan Return to School Roadmap

- 1. Require the use of hand sanitizer before entering the bus. Hand sanitizer must be supplied on the bus.
- 2. The bus driver, staff, and all students in grades preK-12, if medically feasible, must wear facial coverings while on the bus. Note: there may be situations where it is not safe for the bus driver to wear a facial covering. Decisions about these situations should be made on a case-by-case basis with local public health officials.
- 3. <u>Clean and disinfect</u> transportation vehicles before and after every transit route. Children must not be present when a vehicle is being cleaned.
- 4. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces in the vehicle (e.g., surfaces in the driver's cockpit, hard seats, arm rests, door handles, seat belt buckles, light and air controls, doors and windows, and grab handles) prior to morning routes and prior to afternoon routes.
- 5. Clean, sanitize, and disinfect equipment including items such as car seats, wheelchairs, walkers, and adaptive equipment being transported to schools daily.
- 6. Create a plan for getting students home safely if they are not allowed to board the vehicle.
- 7. If a student becomes sick during the day, they must not use group transportation to return home and must follow protocols outlined above. If a driver becomes sick during the day, they must follow protocols for sick staff outlined above and must not return to drive students.
- 8. Weather permitting, keep doors and windows open when cleaning the vehicle and between trips to let the vehicles thoroughly air out.
- 9. Weather permitting, consider keeping windows open while the vehicle is in motion to help reduce the spread of the virus by increasing air circulation, if appropriate and safe.



#### **District and Building Implementation Plan**

- Contact will be made with all transportation companies that support the school to ensure they have received a copy of the criteria in the MI Safe Schools: Michigan's 2020 Return to School Road Map.
- A meeting will be held with the school contracted transportation vendor to review the criteria required.
- Contracts will be altered as needed to address required cleaning, sanitizing and
  professional development to maintain the fleet including language around the
  appropriate use of face covering for all students and drivers, use of hand sanitizers and
  cleaning protocols.
- The school will work with the transportation vendor to ensure the busses will be fitted with mounts for hand sanitizer at the entrance to each bus.
- Transportation vendors will ensure cleaning supplies in compliance with the CDC are utilized to clean busses between routes, including areas of frequent areas of contact.
- Develop and communicate a policy that will be included in the Student Handbooks to families related to the mandatory face covering on the bus for all staff and students, if medically feasible, unless "It is determined on a case by case basis that it is not safe for the bus driver to wear a facial covering."
- We will request that the transportation vendor provides training to all bus drivers that includes:
  - Appropriate use of face covering
  - Policies regarding face covering
  - Policies regarding hand sanitizing
  - o Policies and methods for cleaning and disinfecting
- Bus drivers, weather permitting (no precipitation, temperature above 55 degrees F), will keep windows open on the bus both en route and when stopped.
- On buses with specialized transportation and equipment needs, bus aides or drivers will wipe down the equipment before using the bus. This will be noted in the cleaning log.

#### **Medically Vulnerable Students and Staff**

#### Strongly Recommended from the Michigan Return to School Roadmap

1. Systematically review all current plans (e.g. Individual Healthcare Plans, Individualized Education Programs, Individualized Family Service Plans, or 504



- plans) for accommodating students with special healthcare needs and update their care plans as needed to decrease their risk for exposure to COVID-19.
- 2. Create a process for students/families and staff to self-identify as high-risk for severe illness due to COVID-19 and have a plan in place to address requests for alternative learning arrangements or work reassignments.

#### **District and Building Implementation Plan**

- Identify all health care plans, IEPs, IFSPs, and 504 plans and ensure appropriate tags are assigned in PowerSchool.
- Special Education staff will review plans to identify those that require additional accommodations related to COVID-19.
- Parents will be surveyed with a CDC-aligned instrument to determine whether their student is at high risk and requires additional accommodations that might not be evident from reading the student's specialized plans; revise those plans based on parent feedback. (Complete by August 15th.)
- Any staff member identifying as medically vulnerable will be required to schedule a
  meeting with their school leader and Human Resources by August 7, 2020 to discuss
  options for reasonable accommodation.

#### Phase 4 Mental & Social-Emotional Health

All protocols included on page 29 of the Roadmap that are "Strongly Recommended" will be implemented. Below you can find how are guiding principles applied to those recommendations.

**Health and Safety:** The physical and mental health of our students is paramount. We will be conducting scholar surveys that will help us identify scholars who could be struggling with mental health. We will use this data to identify scholars who need additional help and to inform and develop social emotional support for scholars and training for staff. We have also established a wellness team and wellness survey. This is family-focused and will be used to identify families that need additional services and help us identify any additional scholars who need assistance that may not have been identified in our scholar survey.

As situations arise school staff who are alerted to a concern reach out to instructional coaches, students' advisors, and principals. The administrative team will contact our school-specific supports who will be given details and will contact families in need. Support is provided virtually or through phone conversations depending on requests from families.

#### ENTER A LEARNER; EXIT A LEADER.



### **IALEN ROSE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

Joyful and Rigorous Curriculum: We understand that students and their families are experiencing significant disruption in their lives and that their child's health and safety are paramount. So, as we continue to implement our remote learning plan, we remain committed to teaching and learning and providing students a sense of normalcy, direction and purpose. At the same time, we do not want students to experience any added stress or anxiety. If for any reason a student needs an accommodation or modification relative to their remote learning experience, parents are asked to, without hesitation, reach out to their child's teacher. We have an advisory system that will focus on building and sustaining relationships with peers and the teacher. The survey referenced previously will be used to help teachers make informal and formal shifts to accommodate the specific needs of the scholars in the advisory.

**Building Adult Capacity**: We recognize that helping scholars through mental health is particularly difficult if staff are also struggling with mental health. Additional PD will be provided this year around destignatizing mental health, including building upon our sessions last year on self-compassion for educators. We have created a menu of resources for our staff to use that include online and community based assets. We have also established a Crisis Intervention Hotline through our partner GPS that is available for staff that is staffed with social workers and trained crisis counselors to handle a wide spectrum of interventions, and to coach our team through life's challenges.

#### **Phase 4 Instruction**

All protocols included on page 30-32 of the Roadmap are "Strongly Recommended" will be implemented. Below you can find how our guiding principles applied to those recommendations.

When our Region is in Phase 4, or when the leadership team has identified the ability to do so, we will conduct our hybrid learning plan. This plan relies on each classroom being divided into 2 cohorts which are assigned different days to attend campus, while working remotely on the other days. Each Wednesday will be completely remote for scholars while including professional development and extended planning time for staff in the most appropriate setting (remote or on campus) as determined by leadership. A deep school wide cleaning will also take place on Wednesday to ensure that each cohort of scholars begins their onsite instruction with a safe environment that will never be mixed with the other cohort of scholars.

**Health and Safety:** All MDE, CDC, and regional health and safety guidelines, including masks for everyone in the buildings, 6ft social distancing, and regular handwashing. Class schedules have been created to implement cohorts of scholars to minimize the mixing with other people during the day. Our belief is that with these cohorts, we can track attendance to monitor an increase in absenteeism. Additional monitoring will occur for classrooms in a



given hallway, scholars riding a specific bus, and any clubs or sports that are engaging during that time. If any cohort or group has a significant dip in attendance, that entire cohort or group will switch to 100% remote learning, giving leadership time to evaluate further. Research indicates that a quick response to a cohort or group's decrease in attendance can be as effective as closing the entire school. School-wide procedures (arrival, dismissal, lunch, recess) have all been adapted to maintain the integrity of these cohorts and groups. All necessary safety and health guidelines will be followed for any onsite meeting or professional development.

#### Joyful and Rigorous Curriculum

Remote or onsite grade level meetings, department meetings, and data team meetings will be held to review scholar data with teachers and create plans for re-teaching or acceleration where needed. Instructional delivery will be a combination of synchronous learning to ensure that scholars are delivered high quality grade level instruction while on site, and asynchronous learning through projects or through our online platform to support power standards while being able to work off site. Remote and/or on site office hours will be utilized to help struggling scholars. Intervention programs will also be used as needed during asynchronous instructional time that will be tailored to the specific needs of the scholar.

The Special Education team will conduct professional development for leaders and teachers around MDE guidance for this school year. Special education teachers and general education teachers will have additional planning time to review IEPs and create meaningful learning plans for each scholar that will be aligned with grade level curriculum maps and IEP goals. The leadership team will leverage on-site small group work for Special Education scholars or Tier 2 and 3 scholars on our 100% remote Wednesday, when appropriate.

**Building Adult Capacity**: Professional development will be provided for staff in the most appropriate setting (remote or on-site) in August and throughout the school year. We have a robust PD that spans over multiple weeks in August and is designed to address the specific needs of our staff based on our hybrid model, survey data from staff, and research based strategies to increase effectiveness of remote and onsite instruction. PD will be offered weekly and be based on school wide needs identified by leadership, scholar assessment and participation data, and survey data from staff. Additional staff development will occur around restorative support for teachers, equity and implicit bias, social-emotional learning, and culturally responsive teaching.

Onsite and/or remote workshops designed to help the parent/guardian and scholars maximize their use of technology during remote instruction will be delivered at the beginning of the year, and then throughout the year as the need arises. Resources will be shared to help families create a schedule that works for the school and their specific family needs. Written and in person



communication for our families will include our different schedules and when they will happen, protocols and procedures for arrival and dismissal, and information around our scholar cohorts. Feedback will be taken and used accordingly as the year progresses.

#### **Phase 4 Operations**

For Phase 4 Operational planning, our schools will prepare our facilities, adjust budget planning, food service, enrollment, and transportation while closed for in-person instruction in accordance with the strongly recommended items listed in the Return to School Roadmap as detailed below. In addition, we are prepared to conduct all of the strongly recommended items detailed in the Return to School Roadmap in preparation to receive scholars for in-person instruction as detailed below.

#### **Facilities**

#### **Strongly Recommended Before Schools Reopen for In-Person Instruction**

- 1. Our school facility and custodial teams have audited necessary materials and supply chain for cleaning and disinfection supplies.
- 2. Our school has coordinated with the <u>Local Emergency Management Programs</u> (LEMP) and ISD for support with procurement of cleaning and disinfection supplies.
- 3. We currently do not have access to any additional facilities that could be used for learning.
- 4. School team members will be trained on the <u>guidance for cleaning and disinfecting</u> <u>all core assets</u> including buildings and playgrounds as well as their responsibilities in cleaning frequently touched surfaces. Custodial teams responsibilities in these areas have also been reviewed and ongoing training will be conducted.
- 5. We will alert school-based custodial and infection control staff of any changes in recommended <u>cleaning guidelines</u> issued by OSHA and/or CDC. It is expected that this guidance will be updated in real-time based on the status of community spread across local geographies.
- 6. Custodial and facilities staff have met to review and make actionable district guidance regarding cleaning and disinfection.
- 7. Advanced training has been conducted for custodial staff.
- 8. Custodial staff have continued deep cleaning over the summer.
- 9. The following audits have been completed as of July 17, 2020
  - a. How many classrooms are available;
  - b. The size of each classroom;
  - c. Additional spaces that are available (e.g., gym, lunchroom, auditorium); and



- d. The ventilation in each classroom.
- 10. An audit of school security protocols has been completed to decide if any process changes need to be implemented.
- 11. School security staff will follow CDC protocols if interacting with the general public.
- 12. Maintain facilities for in-person school operations.
  - a. Check HVAC systems at each building to ensure that they are running efficiently.
  - b. Air filters should be changed regularly.
  - c. Custodial staff should distribute wastebaskets, tissues, and CDC-approved soap to every office and classroom so that these materials can be used upon entry and exit into any discrete location and during travel between sites.
  - d. Signage about frequent <u>handwashing</u>, <u>cough etiquette</u>, <u>and nose blowing</u> should be widely posted, disseminated, and encouraged through various methods of communication.
  - e. Custodial staff should follow guidance from the CDC about the use of facial coverings and special respirators at use when performing cleaning duties.
- 13. School leaders should conduct and document a facility walk-through with the custodial services team to ensure that the classrooms, common spaces, and the exterior are ready for staff and students.
- 14. The school Business Managers are procuring level-1 facial coverings, including those with a transparent front, for preK-5 teachers, low- income students, and students with special needs. Expected delivery no later than the week of August 24, 2020.
- 15. Our custodial vendors have procured level-1 surgical masks for cleaning and janitorial staff.

#### Strongly Recommended If Schools are Instructed to Close for In-Person Instruction

- 1. Activate school cleaning and disinfection protocols according to the CDC guidelines. Custodial staff will wear surgical masks when performing cleaning duties.
- 2. Maintain facilities for resumption of school operations.
  - a. All HVAC systems have been checked in the building to ensure that they are running efficiently.
  - b. Air filters are changed regularly.
  - c. Custodial staff will ensure the distribution of wastebaskets, tissues, and CDC-approved soap to every office and classroom so that these materials can be used upon entry and exit into any discrete location and during travel between sites.
  - d. Signage about frequent handwashing, cough etiquette, and nose blowing are



- posted throughout the school building and will be included in the updated Student Handbook and regular newsletters.
- e. Custodial staff are following guidance from the CDC about the use of facial coverings and special respirators at use when performing cleaning duties.
- 3. School leaders will conduct a facility walk-through with the Facility Manager no later than August 15, 2020 to ensure that the classrooms, common spaces, and the exterior are ready for staff and students.
- 4. The school Business Managers are procuring level-1 facial coverings, including those with a transparent front, for preK-5 teachers, low- income students, and students with special needs. Expected delivery no later than the week of August 24, 2020.
- 5. Our custodial vendors have procured level-1 surgical masks for cleaning and janitorial staff.

#### Strongly Recommended If Schools are Instructed to Close for In-Person Instruction

- 1. Activate school cleaning and disinfection protocols according to the CDC guidelines. Custodial staff should wear surgical masks when performing cleaning duties.
- 2. Maintain facilities for resumption of school operations.

#### **District and Building Implementation Plan**

Additional details surrounding the implementation of the above are included in the Safety Protocol section can be found here.

#### **Budget, Food Service, Enrollment, and Staffing**

#### Strongly Recommended Before Schools Reopen for In-Person Instruction

- 1. Support schools in assessing student arrival protocols. This should include how students arrive at and depart from school (e.g., school bus, dropped off via car, drive themselves, walk, public transportation).
- 2. Support schools in conducting staff and student outreach to understand who is coming back.
  - a. For staff, this should include a breakdown of the staff administrators, educators, support staff, full-time nurses, part-time nurses, school counselors, etc.
  - b. Develop a staffing plan to account for teachers and staff who are not returning or are at risk (i.e., those who are 65 years or have an underlying medical condition and decide not to return).
  - c. For students, this should include those with preexisting conditions who may



need a remote learning environment.

- 3. Assess need for new or additional positions with a specific focus on student and staff wellness, technology support, and other COVID-19 related needs.
- 4. Recruit, interview and hire new staff.
- 5. Consider redeploying underutilized staff to serve core needs.
- 6. Where possible, and in partnership with local bargaining units, identify and modify staff positions, that would enable high-risk staff to provide remote services.
- 7. Communicate any student enrollment or attendance policy changes with school staff and families.
- 8. Provide guidance to school leaders for <u>recruiting</u>, <u>interviewing</u>, <u>and hiring staff</u> remotely.
- 9. Seek and provide guidance on use of CARES Act funding for key purchases (e.g., cleaning supplies).
- 10. Coordinate services with related service providers, in the school and community, to identify and address new student and adult needs.
- 11. Inventory how many substitute teachers are available.
- 12. Build and send back to school communications to all relevant stakeholders (i.e., families, school staff) and include updates across all policies and procedures.
- 13. Verify that student and staff handbooks and planners are printed and ready for distribution and/or are available digitally. Create a master list of any changes to distribute at the first staff meeting.
- 14. Consult legal counsel to preemptively address liability questions, related concerns, or vendor issues relative to COVID-19 and share with school leaders.
- 15. Engage school leaders in a budgeting exercise to help plan for changing enrollment patterns, new staffing needs, and resource constraints or additional dollars
- 16. Work with school leaders to orient new school staff to any operational changes.
- 17. Create master teaching schedules, student and faculty arrival/dismissal schedules, bus schedules, lunch schedules for staff and students, and bell schedules with safety protocols in mind.
- 18. Collaborate with food service staff to ensure any necessary food handling changes are implemented based on local public health guidance.

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- Revised arrival and dismissal procedures will be developed no later than August 24, 2020 to support social distancing. The information regarding the revised procedures will be distributed to families in advance of the first day of in-person learning.
- Staff are to communicate with their school leader and Human Resources if they have determined they will not return or require special accommodations.
- Parents/guardians have been instructed to contact the main office in the event their child has any preexisting conditions that would require a remote learning environment. The



- main office is maintaining a record of those students by assigning the appropriate tag in PowerSchool and entering a log entry.
- Human Resources will continue to work with school leaders to assess new positions as necessary including supporting the reallocation of various positions as necessary, training, hiring, etc.
- Student enrollment and attendance policy changes will be distributed to families and staff no later than August 24, 2020.
- Staff recruitment has been virtual since March 2020 and will continue as necessary.
- The management networks Chief Financial Officer has received guidance and resources on the use of CARES Act funding.
- We are continuing partnerships with substitute vendors.
- Communications are going out regularly throughout the summer regarding the next school year.
- Legal counsel has been consulted as it relates to liability concerns.
- The management network's Chief Financial Officer will be monitoring any changes to funding that will impact the school's budget and working with school leaders and the board as appropriate.

### **Technology**

#### Strongly Recommended Before Schools Re-open for In-Person Instruction

- 1. We have surveyed families to collect information about the numbers, types, and condition of devices used in their homes to support remote learning.
- 2. We will ensure every student has access to the appropriate technology and connectivity needed to continue learning, including providing each scholar with a device to be used regardless of whether instruction takes place remotely or onsite.
- 3. We have designated a single point of contact to plan and communicate with district technology teams, our Dean of Operations.
- 4. We have developed a technology plan that includes training and support for educators to adapt remote learning for the classroom.
- 5. Our technology partner, MacroConnect, will lead technology support in coordination with the Dean of Operations.
- 6. We will assign technology process leaders to key efforts and publish their contact information on the district intranet and/or internet.
- 7. Scholars will continue to utilize their assigned devices, so there will be no need for a turn-in procedure to be identified until the end of the school year.
- 8. We have identified an asset tracking tool.
- 9. We will utilize MacroConnect to assist with processing, returning, and maintaining



devices.

- 10. We will develop on-site triage of staff and student devices to minimize the time that staff may be without a device.
- 11. We will develop a technology support plan for families.

#### Strongly Recommended If Schools are Instructed to Close for In-Person Instruction

1. Scholars will already have devices for virtual learning and will be instructed to take all necessary materials home with them.

#### Strongly Recommended When Schools Reopen for In-Person Instruction

- 1. We will utilize Schoology to organize and centralize online resources that were created, published, or distributed by teachers and others during the closure period.
- 2. We have and will continue to compile technology-facing lessons learned for inclusion in the district's updated remote learning plan.
- 3. We have and will continue to review issue tracking and inventory results frequently as a way of understanding the quality and progress of technology processes in your district.
- 4. We will continue infrastructure evaluations until all issues are resolved.
- 5. We will identify chronic technology issues that arose during the school closure period and use them to begin the development of a long-term technology maintenance plan.

#### **Building Implementation Plan**

- Surveys were distributed to families in March 2020 to determine which families required a device and/or had internet connectivity issues.
- Additional surveys will be distributed in advance of the start of the school year.
- The school's Dean of Operations and technology vendor will support the implementation of the technology plan and distribution as necessary.
- To support families and their students during remote learning, the district has established the following avenues to access help desk services:
- We have developed district-wide procedures for return and inventory of district-owned devices as part of a return to school technology plan. The procedures include:
  - Safely bagging devices collected at schools;
  - Sanitizing the devices prior to a repair or replacement evaluation;
  - Ordering accessories that may be needed over the summer; and
  - Conducting prepared maintenance routines to remove malware and fix standard issues including, screen, keyboard, or battery replacement.



- School devices are logged in our inventory by Model, Serial Number, and Purchase Date.
- When a staff or student issued device requires service, a time will be established for the person to bring the device to a designated location at school to exchange it for a replacement device.
  - The device will be disinfected, diagnosed, and repaired or put out of service as deemed appropriate. The original device will be returned as assigned if required (i.e., Grant requirement), otherwise it will be returned to inventory for reassignment through this process.
- Our school's technology vendor will use network monitoring tools to verify all switches
  and wired connections are active and functional, physically addressing any concerns as
  needed.

#### **Transportation**

#### Strongly Recommended Before Schools Re-open for In-Person Instruction

- 1. Assess whether any bus contractor have been impacted by COVID-19 (i.e. closed or optout from current routes)
- 2. Coordinate with vendors to ensure bus procedures for bus drivers and students are informed by public health protocols, including sanitation before and after occupancy.

#### Strongly Recommended if Schools are Instructed to Close for In-Person Instruction

1. Utilize buses to provide food service and delivery of instructional materials where possible.

#### **Building Implementation Plan**

- Jalen Rose Leadership Academy does not provide daily transportation. Therefore, it will only ensure the strongly recommended guidelines are implemented in the event transportation is secured for athletics in accordance with the MHSAA protocols.
- The school's Dean of Operations will ensure coordination with the school's transportation vendor to assess buses, drivers, and any potential issues.

The roadmap will be shared with the transportation vendor to ensure compliance with the plan in the event transportation is required.

#### Plan for Operating during Phase 5 of the Michigan Safe Start Plan

#### **Phase 5 Safety Protocols**

Our school intends to implement the majority of the Phase 4 Safety Protocols in Phase 5 to ensure our scholars and staff remain safe as they return to in-person instruction. Below we have outlined any deviations from our Phase 4 programming in each area.

#### **PPE**

Our school will implement all PPE requirements and recommendations previously indicated in our Phase 4 PPE response.

#### Hygiene

Our school will implement all requirements and recommendations previously indicated in our Phase 4 Hygiene response.

#### **Spacing, Movement and Access**

Our school will implement all requirements and recommendations previously indicated in our Phase 4 Spacing, Movement and Access response except for the six foot distancing requirement.

#### Screening Students, Staff and Guests

Our school will implement all requirements and recommendations previously indicated in our Phase 4 Screening Students, Staff and Guest response.

#### Testing Protocols for Students and Staff and Responding to Positive Cases

Our school will implement all requirements and recommendations previously indicated in our Phase 4 Testing Protocols for Students and Staff and Responding to Positive Cases response.

#### **Responding to Positive Tests Among Staff and Students**

Our school will implement all requirements and recommendations previously indicated in our Phase 4 Responding to Positive Tests Among Staff and Students response.



#### Food Service, Gatherings, and Extracurricular Activities

Our school will implement all requirements and recommendations previously indicated in our Phase 4 Food Service, Gatherings, and Extracurricular Activities response. In addition, we will also implement the following strongly recommended protocol:

#### **Strongly Recommended**

- Serving and cafeteria staff should use barrier protection including gloves, face shields, and face masks.
- Students, teachers, and cafeteria staff wash hands before and after every meal.
- All gatherings, including those that occur outdoors should comply with current and future executive orders that set caps on congregations of people.
- We do not plan on allowing field trips during Phase 5.

#### **Athletics**

#### **Strongly Recommended**

- 1. Indoor spectator events are limited to 50 people. Large scale outdoor spectator or stadium events are limited to 250 people. Spectators not part of the same household must always maintain six feet of distance from one another.
- 2. Students, teachers, and staff must use proper hand hygiene techniques before and after every practice, event, or other gathering. Every participant should confirm that they are healthy and without any symptoms prior to any event.
- 3. All equipment must be disinfected before and after use.
- 4. Buses must be cleared and disinfected before and after every use, as detailed in the subsequent "Busing and Transportation" section.
- 5. Each participant should use a clearly marked water bottle for individual use. There should be no sharing of this equipment.

#### **Building Implementation Plan**

- The school's Athletic Manual will be updated to include the Phase 5 requirements.
- All coaches and student athletes will be trained on the Phase 5 protocol.

#### Cleaning

Our school will implement all requirements and recommendations previously indicated in our Phase 4 Cleaning response.



#### **Busing and Student Transportation**

Our school will implement all requirements and recommendations previously indicated in our Phase 4 Busing and Student Transportation response.

#### **Medically Vulnerable Students and Staff**

Our school will implement all requirements and recommendations previously indicated in our Phase 4 Medically Vulnerable Students and Staff response.

#### Phase 5 Mental & Social-Emotional Health

All protocols included on page 45 of the Roadmap that are "Strongly Recommended" will be implemented. Below you can find how our guiding principles will be applied to those recommendations.

**Health and Safety:** The physical and mental health of our students is paramount. We will be conducting scholar surveys that will help us identify scholars who could be struggling with mental health. We will use this data to identify scholars that need additional help and to inform and develop social emotional support for scholars and training for staff. We have also established a wellness team and wellness survey. This is family focused and will be used to identify families that need additional services and help us identify any additional scholars that need assistance that may not have been identified in our scholar survey.

As situations arise school staff who are alerted to a concern reach out to instructional coaches, student advisors, and principals. The administrative team contacts our school specific supports who are given details and contact information to families in need. Support can be provided virtually or through phone conversations depending on requests from families.

Joyful and Rigorous Curriculum: We understand that students and their families are experiencing significant disruption in their lives and that their child's health and safety are paramount. So, as we continue to implement our remote learning plan, we remain committed to teaching and learning and providing students a sense of normalcy, direction and purpose. At the same time, we do not want students to experience any added stress or anxiety. If for any reason a student needs an accommodation or modification relative to their remote learning experience, parents are asked to, without hesitation, reach out to their child's teacher. We have an advisory system that will focus on building and sustaining relationships with peers and the teacher. The



survey referenced previously will be used to help teachers make informal and formal shifts to accommodate the specific needs of the scholars in the advisory.

**Building Adult Capacity**: We recognize that helping scholars through mental health is particularly difficult if staff are also struggling with mental health. Additional PD will be provided this year around destignatizing mental health, including building upon our sessions last year on self-compassion for educators. We have created a menu of resources for our staff to use that include online and community based assets. We have also established a Crisis Intervention Hotline through our partner GPS that is available for staff that is staffed with social workers and trained crisis counselors to handle a wide spectrum of interventions, and to coach our team through life's challenges.

#### **Phase 5 Instruction**

When our Region is in Phase 5 we will conduct our standard learning plan with increased safety and health measures, unless leadership has identified a need to still be remote or hybrid. Our guiding principles still apply as we would want to be prepared at any time to institute one of our different plans as needed.

Health and Safety: All MDE, CDC, and regional health and safety guidelines, including masks for everyone in the buildings and regular handwashing, but social distancing would not be utilized. Class schedules would be maintained to ensure inclusive cohorts. Our belief is that by maintaining these cohorts and groups, we can still track attendance to monitor an increase in absenteeism. Additional monitoring will still occur, including classrooms in a given hallway, scholars riding a specific bus, and any clubs or sports that are engaging during that time. If any cohort or group has a significant dip in attendance, that entire cohort or group will switch to 100% remote learning, giving leadership time to evaluate further. Research indicates that a quick response to a cohort or group's decrease in attendance can be as effective as closing the entire school. School wide procedures (arrival, dismissal, lunch, recess) have all been adapted to maintain the integrity of these cohorts and groups. All necessary safety and health guidelines will be followed for any onsite meeting or professional development.

#### Joyful and Rigorous Curriculum:

Onsite grade level meetings, department meetings, and data team meetings will be held to review scholar data with teachers and create plans for re-teaching or acceleration where needed. Instructional delivery would be on site 100% of the day with technology being used for at home work or in class to ensure scholars and staff remain flexible in the case of a downgrade of phases regionally or a school-based issue. Remote and/or on site office hours will be utilized to help



struggling scholars. Intervention programs will also be used as needed during and after the school day that will be tailored to the specific needs of the scholar.

The Special Education team will conduct professional development for leaders and teachers around MDE guidance for this school year. Special education teachers and general education teachers will have additional planning time to review IEPs and create meaningful learning plans for each scholar that will be aligned with grade level curriculum maps and IEP goals.

**Building Adult Capacity**: Professional development will be provided for staff in the most appropriate setting (remote or on-site) in August. We have robust PD that spans over multiple weeks and is designed to address the specific needs of our staff based on our hybrid model, survey data from staff, and research based strategies to increase effectiveness of remote and onsite instruction. PD will be offered weekly and be based on school wide needs identified by leadership, scholar assessment and participation data, and survey data from staff. Additional staff development will occur around restorative support for teachers, equity and implicit bias, social-emotional learning, and culturally responsive teaching.

On site and remote workshops designed to help the parent/guardian and scholars maximize their use of technology during remote instruction will be delivered at the beginning of the year, and then throughout the year as the need arises. Resources will be shared to help families create a schedule that works for the school and their specific family needs. Written and in person communication for our families will include our different schedules and when they will happen, protocols and procedures for arrival and dismissal, and information around our philosophy of bubbles. Feedback will be taken and used accordingly as the year progresses.

#### **Phase 5 Operations**

Our school will follow all of the recommendations and requirements set forth in our Phase 4 response as it concerns operations including each sub-section:

- Facilities
- Budget
- Food Service
- Enrollment and Staff
- Technology
- Transportation

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