

GPPSS Update on Return to Full Face-to-Face Instruction Plan

February 22, 2021

Presentation Overview:

- Unpacking the Recent CDC Guidelines for Reopening Schools
- Update on Return to Full F2F Framework

Based on the BOE resolution approved by a 7-0 vote on January 25th, GPPSS is preparing to return K-4 students to Full F2F on March 1st. Students in grades 5 - 12 will return to full F2F on March 15th.

CDC Guidance for Reopening Schools

On Friday, February 12th the CDC released new guidelines for reopening schools. GPPSS is currently analyzing these new guidelines. Specific activities regarding these new guidelines include:

- Updating the [GPPSS CDC COVID Dashboard](#) to reflect the new [Indicators and Thresholds for Community Transmission of COVID](#)
 - This has been completed and posted on the website - current GPPSS status is 'Moderate Transmission - Yellow'
- Conducting buildings specific [COVID 19 Mitigation Walkthroughs](#) using the [CDC COVID Mitigation Toolkit and Protocols](#)
 - ES level will be completed by Thursday, February 25th
 - Secondary level will be completed by Friday, March 5th

Return to F2F Framework - Vaccinations

Specific steps taken to address this focus area include:

- Initially surveyed staff to determine how many staff were vaccinated independently of the WRESA/WCHD option
- Partnered with our unions to create a criteria to offer vaccinations to staff
- Engaged with WRESA/WCHD to offer vaccinations to any staff (employee, contractor, substitute, coach or regular volunteer critical to the operation of school) on February 11th - approximately 450 staff participated
- Currently over 750 staff have at least one dose of the vaccine
- Continuing to partner with WCHD to vaccinate new or additional staff members

Return to F2F Framework - Personal Safety, Masks & Protective Equipment

Specific steps taken to address this focus area include:

- Disposable surgical masks are available for all staff and students
- The following list of PPE is available for staff upon request:
 - Disposable gloves
 - Disposable gowns
 - KN95 masks
 - N95 masks
 - Face shields
- Create a system to manage inventory and replenish supplies in schools

Return to F2F Framework - Air Purification & Ventilation

Specific steps taken to address this focus area include:

- Consult with third-party contractors who specialize in HVAC
- Share air purifier specifications with cooperative vendors to identify products that suit our needs
- Place 15 units in classrooms the week of February 22 to solicit teacher feedback
- Provide a recommendation to BOE on March 8, 2021

Return to F2F Framework - Testing to Detect Asymptomatic Carriers

Specific steps taken to address this focus area include:

- Participating in the MDHHS program to test staff on a weekly basis
- Participating in MHSAA testing programs for athletes
- Partnering with Wayne Health to offer free community testing for COVID at both North and South during the afternoon of February 22nd
- Partnering with Wayne Health to offer free COVID testing at both high schools starting on March 1st
 - Voluntary
 - Uses pooling
 - Community Town Hall on this program February 24th

Return to F2F Framework - Social Distancing

Specific steps taken to address this focus area include:

- Increase the availability and use of student desk shields
- Implement outdoor eating for secondary students - March 15th
- Consider the movement of classes of students to larger spaces within the building
- Maximize social distancing using allowable space
- Enforce distancing among staff at all times

Return to F2F Framework - Contact Tracing

Specific steps taken to address this focus area include:

- Continue to partner with WCHD to discuss and investigate positive COVID cases
- Communicate with each COVID positive staff member within 4 hours of positive COVID case to determine close contacts
- Partner with each building to track student COVID related absences
- Publish a weekly update of COVID instances in GPPSS on the website

Return to F2F Framework - Ensure an Inclusive Process

Specific steps taken to address this focus area include:

- Regularly dialogue with union leaders regarding our mitigation plan
- Meet with employee groups
- Conduct staff town halls regarding the return to F2F
 - ES staff town hall scheduled for February 24th
 - Secondary staff town hall scheduled for March 2nd
- Include staff participation in the CDC COVID Mitigation Walkthroughs