

Livingston Public Schools ESSER Grant Application for Safe Reopening

June 14, 2021

AS WE APPROACH SUMMER PLANNING...

WE KNOW	WE ARE WAITING TO FIND OUT
 No remote instruction. Full days with lunch beginning the first day of school. Utilize outside. Tents will return. Processes/programs for addressing any learning and SEL needs. New elementary schedule will be in place (looking at start times). Some mitigation measures will disappear (Temp Checks, Plexi). Covid Positive Take-Away - LHS Self-Structure time. 	 What will be the masking guidelines? Consult with NJDOH, LDOH, district physician & Physicians Board. Different for vaccinated? Unvaccinated? Will snow days be able to be remote learning days? (no as of now) Will remote learning be allowed if a class is quarantined? (no as of now) Will schools still be doing contact tracing? What will it look like? Daily Covid Tracker will likely be in place but will be shorter and correspond with current guidelines.

ESSER Grant Application Form

- Application for Federal Grant Money Provided To District for One-Time Expenses for 2021-2022.
- Need assurance that we have a plan to open for in-person instruction. Particularly want to know how we will overcome COVID-19 related challenges in 2021-2022. This is geared towards districts who have not opened.
- Form filled out to the best of our ability without some clear direction for next year.
- Need to share publicly, with opportunity for feedback.

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- A. Universal and correct wearing of masks- Listed current indoor mask wearing procedures.
- **B. Physical distancing -** Based on current policy, schools will create an environment for social distancing within the classroom to the maximum extent practicable.
- **C.** Handwashing and respiratory etiquette: Continue to ensure that there are multiple hand washing and hand sanitizing stations throughout the schools. Schools will continue to monitor students who may be symptomatic for COVID-19, and will immediately separate any student who is exhibiting those symptoms. Healthy habits will be actively encouraged.
- **D. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation: -** Enhanced clearing protocols will continue. We will continue working with our certified HVAC specialists to assess and make recommendations regarding air filtration and circulation.
- E. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments: The Livingston Public Schools will comply with NJDOH Guidelines and make adjustments to plans on an ongoing basis.

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- **F. Diagnostic and screening testing:** Protocols will be in place for daily health screenings of students, teachers, administrators, and staff. This will be done through an Electronic Symptom Checking Survey completed by parents for each student prior to departing for live school.
- **G.** Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible: The district will continue work proactively with the local department of health, county officials, and our district physician to encourage eligible members of our staff to be vaccinated.
- H. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies: Students who receive special education and related services, as required by their Individualized Education Plans (IEP), will receive the services delineated in their IEP. Students who have Individualized Health Plans and Section 504 Plans will also receive all identified accommodations in those plans.

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- I. Ensure continuity of services: Details about accessing additional academic, health, nutritional resources and school counseling services will be shared prior to the opening of school. Staff will be actively engaging in professional development, to ensure we are meeting the needs of our students daily. Intervention, programs, and consultations will continue to occur regularly.
- J. Allow public comment on its plan: This document will be publicly shared, along with the Board of Education agenda and related back-up materials for the Livingston Board of Education public meeting on June 14, 2021, in advance of that public meeting. It will also be shared with Livingston Education Association Leadership Committee.
- K. Ensure that the plan is in an understandable and uniform format; is to the extent practicable written in a language that parents can understand: This document will be published on an easily accessible page on the district website, and will be posted digitally using other media. The Livingston Public School district is committed to making our content accessible to all members of the public, including those with disabilities.

Questions?

