PUPIL HEALTH AND SAFETY-COVID 19 ADDENDUM

Pupil health and safety shall be safeguarded by an organized program of school health services and by the close supervision of students on all school grounds. Due to the current pandemic, the program shall include:

- **Staff and Students will follow Home Isolation Criteria**
  - o Sick staff members or students should not return until they have met CDC's <u>criteria to discontinue home isolation</u>.

- **Isolate and Transport Those Who are Sick**
  - o AEA will make sure that staff and families know that they (staff) or their children (families) should not come to school, and that they should notify school officials if they (staff) or their child (families) become sick with COVID-19 <u>symptoms</u>, test positive for COVID-19, or have been <u>exposed</u> to someone with COVID-19 symptoms or a confirmed or suspected case.
  - o We will Immediately separate staff and <u>children</u> with COVID-19 <u>symptoms</u> (such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath) at school. Individuals who are sick should will home or to a healthcare facility depending on how severe their symptoms are, and follow <u>CDC guidance for caring for oneself and others</u> who are sick.
  - o Each building will have an isolation area to separate anyone who has COVID-19 symptoms or tests positive.

- **Notify Health Officials and Close Contacts**
  - o In accordance with state and local laws and regulations, school administrators will notify <u>local health officials</u>, staff, and families immediately of any case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with the <u>Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)</u>.
  - o We will inform those who have had <u>close contact</u> with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to stay home and <u>self-monitor for symptoms</u>, and follow <u>CDC guidance</u> if symptoms develop.

- **Staying Home when Appropriate**

- Educate staff and families about when they/their child(ren) should <u>stay home</u> and when they can return to school.
  - o Actively encourage employees and students who are sick or who have recently had <u>close contact</u> with a person with COVID-19 to stay home.
  - o <u>Staff and students should stay home</u> if they have tested positive for or are showing COVID-19 <u>symptoms</u>.
  - o Staff and students who have recently had <u>close contact</u> with a person with COVID-19 should also <u>stay home and monitor their health</u>.
- CDC's criteria can help inform when employees should return to work:
  - o <u>If they have been sick with COVID-19</u>

- o If they have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19

- **Temperature checks:**
    - o Any student with suspected COVID-19 symptoms is asked to stay home and parents are to notify school personnel if there is a confirmed diagnosis
    - o Students will have temperature checks before entering the building. Students with a fever or other symptoms will be isolated at the school and monitored by a school nurse until a parent can pick them up.
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Cloth Face Coverings

- Teach and reinforce use of <u>cloth face coverings</u>. Face coverings may be challenging for students (especially younger students) to wear in all-day settings such as school. Face coverings will be worn by staff and students (particularly older students) as feasible and are **most** essential in times when physical distancing is difficult. Individuals should be frequently reminded not to touch the face covering and to <u>wash their hands</u> frequently. Information should be provided to staff, students, and students' families on <u>proper use, removal, and washing of cloth face coverings</u>.
    - o Note: <u>Cloth face coverings</u> will **not** be placed on:
        - Children younger than 2 years old
        - Anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious
        - Anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance
- <u>Cloth face coverings</u> are meant to protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected but does not have symptoms.

Facial coverings:

- All students, faculty, and staff members will be required to wear facial coverings.

Social distancing in classrooms:

- All desks will be at least six feet apart. All desks will be arranged in rows that face forward. Desks that are normally placed in pods or in small groups will not be allowed.

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