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American Rescue Plan Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services

Troy City Schools is committed to maintaining the health and safety of students and staff while ensuring a strong continuity of services to address students’ academic needs as well as the social and emotional needs of students and staff including student health and food services. This plan is posted for initial review and public comment from June 16th – June 22nd. Feedback may be emailed to taylorj@troyschools.net or mailed to the Troy City Board of Education at 358 Elba Highway in Troy, AL 36079.

I. Maintaining Health and Safety

a. Universal and correct wearing of masks

In the absence of state or local mask ordinances, the wearing of masks will be optional.

b. Physical distancing

Classroom and common spaces such as cafeterias will return to pre-COVID configurations and procedures. Following CDC guidance, unvaccinated individuals may choose to wear masks when closer than six feet with an individual from another household.

c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

Teachers will encourage frequent, thorough hand washing, coughing into elbows, and using a tissue when sneezing. In addition, signage reminding students, staff, and visitors of the need to practice good hygiene will be posted.

d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities

School custodial staff will frequently clean restrooms and common areas using recommended sanitizing supplies. While food service will return to pre-COVID routines, the water fountains will remain in use only as water bottle refill stations.

e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine

Parents are asked to be vigilant about not sending sick students to school. We will no longer take student temperatures daily, but any student exhibiting signs of sickness will be sent to the school nurse. Troy City Schools will continue to partner with the ADPH to follow contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine recommendations for unvaccinated students and staff.

f. Diagnostic and screening testing

School nurses will recommend free testing sites to staff and parents in need of those services.

g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible

Troy City Schools will collaborate with local health providers to offer voluntary, free vaccination clinics for staff and students.

h. Appropriate accommodations for children and staff with disabilities

Necessary accommodations for students and staff will be made in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and other pertinent laws.

II. Ensuring Continuity of Services

a. Continuity of instruction

While there will not be Blended Model of instruction, families may choose traditional, face to face instruction or enroll in Virtual School for the entire school year if criteria are met. Schoology, Edmentum, and ACCESS will be used to provide virtual instruction, and students will be provided with a school chrome book for use with virtual instruction.

b. Addressing academic needs

District and school administrators and teachers are working diligently to assess student learning gaps and create plans to address student academic needs. Response to Instruction teams at each school are utilizing ongoing benchmark and progress monitoring assessments to create individualized intervention plans to support struggling learners. Intervention plans include targeted, small group instruction to teach content the student has not mastered.

Troy City Schools is partnering with the Alabama Reading Initiative and Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative to provide targeted professional development to improve the practice of teachers and the learning outcomes of students.

c. Addressing social, emotional, and mental health needs

School counselors will collaborate with our school mental health services coordinator and outside agencies to identify and support the mental health needs of students and staff. Our school nurses and child nutrition staff will continue efforts to keep our staff and students physically healthy.

III. Communication Plan

This plan is posted on the district website, shared on social media outlets, and available in hard copy form from our district office.

IV. Plan Review Process

Stakeholders with feedback may email taylorj@troyschools.net or mail correspondence to the Troy City Board of Education at 358 Elba Highway in Troy, AL 36079. Input will be reviewed and any necessary revisions made at least every six months.

V. Public Comment

Public comment was sought before this plan's initial submission to the Alabama State Department of Education and those comments were taken into account in the development of the plan.

VI. Plan Format and Accessibility

This plan will be orally translated or provided in an alternative format accessible to any parent requesting that accommodation.