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Safe Return of In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

Maintaining Health and Safety of Students and Staff

As a virtual school, students and staff predominantly participate in instruction from their households. For the 2021-2022 school year, in-person instruction will include quarterly local meetups at locations across the state for study skills support and socialization opportunities, as well as proctored state testing offered at locations across the state. During these in-person learning opportunities, the following mitigation factors will be followed.

- **Home wellness checks:** Before attending an in-person event or testing session, staff and families are asked to conduct a wellness check for symptoms of COVID-19. Any student or staff member who is experiencing or sharing a household with someone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home. These symptoms include fever, chills, muscle pain, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, and/or new loss of taste or smell.
- **Facial coverings:** We will follow the recommendations and guidelines of the CDC, Ohio Department of Health, and Governor's Office on the use of facial coverings.
- **Physical space:** Students will be seated with at least 3 feet between students. Windows should remain open whenever possible. We will follow the recommendations and guidelines of the CDC, Ohio Department of Health, and Governor's Office regarding physical distancing.
- **Cleaning protocols:** Students and staff should not share materials or laptops. Any school-issued device will be cleaned and disinfected between use by students.

Addressing Students' Academic Needs

Ohio Digital Learning School will use federal funds and grants to address students' academic needs from disruptions to learning caused by COVID-19. While instruction was not disrupted at Ohio Digital Learning due to its virtual model of instruction, many transfer students have enrolled at the school with gaps in instruction. Ohio Digital Learning School will use the following strategies to address students' academic needs.

- **Expanded Summer School:** We have expanded its summer school offerings for 2021 and has provided summer school courses free-of-charge to students prioritized by grade level and deficient credits.
- **Summer Enrichment:** All students have access to summer academic enrichment opportunities provided through Stride K12.

- **Evening Tutoring:** We will provide live tutoring support each evening from Monday-Thursday each week that school is in session for the 2021-2022 school year.
- **Math and Reading Remediation:** Students will be assessed with Star reading and math tests in August 2021 to identify individual student needs and learning goals. Students who have fallen behind their peers in math or reading or have not yet reached competency scores on the Algebra 1 and English Language Arts II Ohio's State Tests will receive remediation during the school day.
- **Counseling Services:** All students will have an individual graduation plan developed by their school counselor. We will provide increased counseling services to students who have fallen behind in credits to support their progress on their graduation plan.

Addressing Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs of Students and Staff

Ohio Digital Learning School has been selected by Miami University to participate in the pilot for the Ohio School Wellness Initiative. The Ohio School Wellness Initiative was designed to explore, implement, and sustain a full continuum of care including prevention, early intervention, and treatment practices for K-12 students within local districts. Through our work in the Ohio School Wellness Initiative, we have assembled administrators, counselors, our school social worker, and school psychologist to serve as our building team focused on building and improving the following supports.

- **Student Assistance Program:** We are improving our student assistance program (SAP) to incorporate evidence-based approaches to support the prevention, early identification, intervention, and referral process for students experiencing mental health, substance abuse, or behavioral health risk factors.
- **Support Groups:** During the COVID-19 pandemic we developed student groups led by our school social worker to support students with social skills and mental health concerns. These groups will continue and be integrated into our structured SAP.
- **Staff Wellness:** Using recommendations and best practices from the Ohio School Wellness Initiative pilot program, we will develop a Staff Wellness Framework that supports staff wellness, professional resilience, secondary trauma prevention, resiliency, self-care/self-compassion, efficacy/confidence building, and mental and physical health.

Periodic Review

Ohio Digital Learning School will review this plan at least every 6 months. The district learning team will monitor the plan on a quarterly basis to ensure that all elements of the plan are being implemented. If there are concerns about the plan's implementation or if there are major changes in guidance from the CDC, Ohio Department of Health, or Governor's Office, the plan will be reviewed and updated earlier. The district will provide opportunities for public input in board meetings and through surveys and feedback requests.