

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Midland Borough School District

Initial Effective Date: August 1, 2021

Date of Last Review: July 19, 2021

Date of Last Revision: June 14, 2021

How will the LEA, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning? The Midland Borough School District (MBSD) will continue to review the guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) and revise the Health and Safety Plan according to their recommendations. Our current protocols align with CDC and PA DOH guidance. The Administration participates in regular county-wide meetings to stay abreast of current guidelines. Since March 2020, the MBSD has participated in collaborative sessions with all county school districts as hosted virtually by the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit. Said weekly virtual meetings have provided many opportunities to review updated regulations, collaborate with colleagues, and consider best practices. In addition, the MBSD has partnered with local health care professionals and has relied on their expertise to help navigate the pandemic. Additionally, the MBSD nurse has participated in regular, county-wide meetings that have provided valuable resources for the entire school district. The Health and Safety Plan is viewed as a dynamic document and will be updated as new guidelines, regulations, and mandates warrant.

1. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services? The MBSD will continue to educate students regardless of the level of community transmission. Educational Delivery Models (EDMs) may include a variety of opportunities including full in-person, hybrid, blended, live-streaming, synchronous, and asynchronous as is feasible and appropriate given local context and constraints. EDMs will vary depending on the level of community transmission. Social distancing will be achieved to the greatest extent possible throughout the school year and is assisted by the number of students selecting a full cyber, hybrid, or blended EDM. In the event the district would need to transition to a full virtual environment, students would utilize their district provided Chromebook. In addition to curricular materials, faculty will utilize age-appropriate resources such as (not an exhaustive list): the Google Suite, Google Classroom, Discovery Education, and iReady to educate our students. Since March 2020, resources have been identified to ensure families have access to stable broadband internet. Said resources include providing hotspots, and assistance with completing applications for programs such as Comcast's Internet Essentials. Internet accessibility is also available when a student is in proximity of the district buildings and other community locations. Through the district's partnership with the Midland Center students have access to internet services and other resources to facilitate online learning. Students and staff requiring social, emotional, or mental health resources, are encouraged to approach our guidance counselor, school nurse, or student services coordinator. Additionally, the MBSD's health care

provider also disseminates valuable resources electronically to staff on a regular basis. Food Services, including breakfast and lunch, continue regardless of the EDM. The MBSD's transportation personnel assist in the distribution of meals to the students. Locations throughout the community have been identified for food pick up and other arrangements have been made where barriers to food access exist.

2. Use the table below to explain how the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policy on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.

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| <p>a. Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u>;</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The district will comply with mask mandates and guidance as issued by local, state, or federal agencies. 2. Mask orders will be posted at all entrances. 3. Training on appropriate wearing of masks will be available to all staff. 4. Teachers will model the appropriate use of masks for students. 5. Signage throughout the district will remind students and staff of any mandate to wear a mask. |
| <p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capacity regulations for social distancing will be based on DOH and CDC recommendations. 2. Furniture may be removed or substituted to allow for greater social distancing (e.g. individual desks, tables, etc.). 3. The number of individuals in a classroom will be limited to only those essential in that classroom. 4. Larger classes may be relocated as appropriate and possible. 5. Classes may be held outdoors as appropriate and possible. 6. Classroom furniture will be arranged to maximize distancing and minimize disease spread. 7. Social distancing patterns will be maintained within classrooms and throughout the communal areas, i.e. hallways, stairwells, etc. |

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| | <p>8. Signage will be established to show traffic flow.</p> <p>9. Additional locations for eating lunch will be identified and used as community transmission levels dictate.</p> |
| <p>c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</u></p> | <p>1. The MBSD staff will be trained on healthy hygiene practices so they model these practices for students including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ensuring hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after using the restroom, before eating, and after blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing. b. Promoting the use of an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol (where age appropriate) if soap and water are not available and hands are not visibly dirty. <p>2. The MBSD will encourage the use of handwashing stations throughout the school building for all faculty and students.</p> <p>3. The MBSD will use handwashing training resources available online and may promote handwashing via social media, building television systems, and similar platforms to educate and encourage proper hygiene.</p> <p>4. The MBSD will ensure adequate supplies (e.g., soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, tissue) exist to support healthy hygiene practices.</p> |
| <p>d. <u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</u></p> | <p>1. Schedules will be created and training will be established to ensure proper cleaning and sanitizing of high touch areas.</p> <p>2. Daily disinfecting by custodial protocols will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Restroom handles, b. door handles, c. sinks, d. stair railings, e. water bottle refilling handles, f. office counters. <p>3. MBSD's custodial staff will utilize UV Lighting technology to sanitize all high</p> |

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| | <p>occupancy areas (offices, classrooms, cafeteria etc.).</p> <p>4. When a student is sent home with any COVID19 or similar symptoms, the nurse will follow notification protocols to ensure the affected spaces are sanitized prior to occupation. All personnel will clean their spaces routinely.</p> <p>5. HVAC and DOAS units will be set to use maximum outside air during periods of occupancy.</p> |
| <p>e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If a student exhibits signs or symptoms of COVID-19 they will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Notify the school nurse prior to sending /coming to the health office b. Be masked immediately c. Be placed in a specific designated area of isolation d. Be assessed, after PPE is donned by school nurse e. Have their emergency contact called f. Be escorted to the car when a parent/guardian arrives 2. The siblings of a student exhibiting COVID19 symptoms will also be dismissed. 3. Parents will be advised to follow up with their PCP. 4. Affected areas will be sanitized. 5. Personnel will refer to the most recent DOH guidance on home isolation or quarantine and returning to work/school. 6. The nurse will follow the screening tool which identifies the conditions related to a student's return to school. 7. The nurse will conduct contact tracing and quarantine students and others as appropriate. 8. The nurse will contact Rapid Response, PA DOH, or CDC, as guided by current protocols. 9. MBSD personnel will notify parents/community via mass notification as needed. |

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| <p>f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Symptom screening will be done by all parents/guardians at home before the school day. 2. No students with symptoms will be sent on a bus or brought to school. 3. MBSD personnel will conduct temperature screenings before students are permitted on the bus or inside the school building. 4. All district staff will perform a symptom screen on themselves prior to leaving for work, and will stay home if ill. 5. Temperature screening will be required upon entrance to school for students and staff. 6. Students and staff will consistently be made aware of the signs and symptoms of COVID19. 7. Students and staff will go to the nurse immediately if feeling symptomatic and will be placed in an isolation area. 8. The District will share resources with the school community to help families understand when to keep students' home. |
| <p>g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u>;</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Partner with a local pharmacy or health care providers to offer vaccination clinics in accordance with CDC guidelines. Follow CDC guidance on the need to offer a booster. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A staff vaccination clinic was held in March and April 2021. b. A student and community vaccination Clinic was held in June and July 2021. 2. Partner with Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit and LEAs to offer additional vaccination clinics. 3. The decision to vaccinate a child belongs to the parent. The district recognizes its role as one of information dissemination. |
| <p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The needs of students with Individualized Education Programs or Section 504 Agreements will be addressed individually. 2. Tutoring services will be offered in-person. 3. Support services may be offered in-person. |

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| i. Coordination with state and local health officials. | The MBSD will follow the CDC and PA DOH guidelines and coordinate with state and local health officials as changes in guidance and protocols dictate. |

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for (Midland Borough School District) reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on (INSERT DATE: MONTH, DAY, YEAR).

July 19, 2021

The plan was approved by a vote of:

5 Yes

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Affirmed on: (INSERT DATE: MONTH, DAY, YEAR)

By:



(Signature* of Board President)

DAVID VUKOVICH

(Print Name of Board President)

*Electronic signatures on this document are acceptable using one of the two methods detailed below.

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