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SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

- (1) IN GENERAL A local educational agency receiving funds under this section shall develop and make publicly available on the local educational agency's website, not later than 30 days after receiving the allocation of funds described in paragraph (d) (1), a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services.
- 2) COMMENT PERIOD.—Before making the plan described in paragraph (1) publicly available, the local educational agency shall seek public comment on the plan and take such comments into account in the development of the plan.

<u>Support for Schools:</u> Describe how the LEA will support its schools in safely returning to in-person instruction and sustaining safe operation. This description must include:

For each mitigation strategy listed below, please describe 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 policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.

LEA Response Table

1) Universal and correct wearing of masks ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

Masks are no longer required for staff, students, or visitors. Masks are required for anyone who tested positive for Covid-19. After returning to school after 5 days, they are required to wear a mask additional 5 days according to the Harrison and DOH policy.

2) Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding) ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

Schools in the district will allow for physical distancing within the classroom to the maximum extent practicable. Classroom settings will be configured to provide physical distancing of 6 feet with the student desks or seats facing the same direction and students wearing face coverings as appropriate. Teachers, particularly at the

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elementary level, must discontinue any activities that bring students closer than 6 feet, such as gathering together on a rug or holding circle time with students in close proximity. The use of any shared objects should be discouraged. All students should have their own school supplies for their personal use. Any shared objects should be cleaned between each use.

3) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

Hand sanitizer shall be provided in each classroom. Students and staff will be encouraged to perform regular handwashing as recommended for 20 seconds or sanitize their hands at regular intervals. This should especially be done after sneezing, coughing, blowing their nose, using the restroom and after recess and before eating snack or lunch.

4) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The district HVAC systems do provide for a fresh air component. The district intends to ensure that fresh air is circulated in the classrooms to the extent practical. Particularly as the weather becomes colder, students and staff members might want to dress in layers or have a sweater/sweatshirt to help keep comfortable in these conditions. Filters for these units will be changed in accordance with the unit specifications.

5) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The nurses will ensure that the appropriate documentation is provided from students and staff members who return to school following a positive COVID-19 diagnosis in accordance with Board policy and state law regarding communicable diseases. Staff will have a reentry meeting with the school nurse upon return to school. Students will have a reentry meeting with the parents, student and school nurse upon returning to school. All School Nurses in the district shall be provided with the necessary PPE to enable them to interact with students and staff who may be COVID-19 positive. The Harrison School District will work closely with the Harrison Board of Health with regard to the identification of any new cases of COVID-19. As per information provided by the NJDOE, contact tracing for any newly diagnosed cases will remain within the purview of the Board of Health.

Diagnostic and screening testing ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

During the school day, any students or staff members exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms shall report to the school nurse for a health check. All health checks will be conducted safely and respectfully in accordance with any applicable privacy laws and regulations and shall be done in such a way as to accommodate any students or staff members with disabilities. Students or staff with confirmed symptoms shall be isolated from others until they can be exited from the building. Parents should pick up their children within a 30 minute time frame. Results must be documented when signs and symptoms of COVID-19 are observed in staff or students. Adequate PPE will be

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provided to the school nurses to facilitate their screening of and interaction with students and staff. Parents and staff members are reminded of their critical role in self-screening.

7) Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

Vaccines will be offered to all staff members at our local health department. The district will continue to provide vaccinations to all members who want to receive the shot.

8) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies

([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

Accommodations will be made for all children with disabilities in relation to their education both in-person and remotely. These students will follow the health and safety policies as set forth by the district.

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Safe Return Plan Updated

Safe Return Plan text and assurances must be agreed to every six months.

Date Plan Updated 12/15/2022

Describe how the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services. ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

Harrison public schools is providing students with intervention and enrichment instruction based on assessment data to meet the needs of all students. Before and After school programs are offering to students additional intervention and remediation. All staff have been trained in SEL and will receive ongoing training. School nurses have created and implemented a health plan which has been disseminated to all school nurses and administrators for consistent protocols. Additionally, all students receive free breakfast and lunch daily in all schools.

Describe how the LEA sought public comment on its plan, and how it took those public comment into account in the development of its plan. ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

Harrison Public Schools presented the plan to the Board of Education for public comment on December 15, 2022. There were no comments made at the meeting.

Describe how the LEA ensured that the plan is in an understandable and uniform format; is to the extent practicable written in a language that parents can understand or, if not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, will be orally translated for such a parent; and upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA, will be provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent. ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The Transitioning to Reopening Schools is a document which is contains information at the district level and each school in the district has contributed to the plan for parents to be able to see what their child's school's plan is for reopening. This document will be orally translated upon a parents request and accommodations will be made for parents with a disability so that all parents have access to the information.

Briefly describe any guidance, professional learning, and technical assistance opportunities the LEA will make available to its schools. ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

SEL will be critical in re-engaging students, supporting adults, rebuilding relationships, and creating a foundation for academic learning. SEL is currently being utilized. In addition to the programs and activities already in place, training will be provided to all school counselors, SBYSP, nurses, and all Child Study Team members in areas of SEL in collaboration with the Hudson County Consortium for SEL. MTSS is a systematic approach to prevention, intervention, and enrichment in grades Pre-K through twelve for academics and behavior that offers educators and families a mechanism to identify individual students who need extra support. MISS is currently being utilized Each school building has its own Response to Intervention Team that assists staff in coordinating interventions for students and their families in the areas of academic, behavioral, and social emotions support. The Technology department continues to provided technology to all students.

Provide current link to the district's website where the plan is posted.

http://harrisonschools.org/

☑ By checking this box and saving the page, the applicant hereby certifies that they will assure that the information contained in the Safe Return to School plans will be updated within this system every 6 months during this grant project period.

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Assurances Fully Agreed t	to By:		
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