Health and Safety Plan Summary: Rose Tree Media School District

Initial Effective Date: August 26, 2022

1. 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 school district has been implementing a health and safety plan throughout the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years using mitigation strategies guided by input and issued guidance from the CDC, PA Department of Health, CHOP Policy Lab, the Chester County Health Department, and most recently the Delaware County Health Department. The District implemented a Test-to-Stay Program, supported vaccination clinics for our teachers and staff, and led vaccine clinics for students.

Our district will continue to review the latest guidance from the CDC, CHOP Policy Lab, the PA Department of Health, and our local health department. The chart below provides strategies, policies, and procedures to be used within the district.

2. 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?

Since March of 2020, the District implemented three instructional models-fully virtual, hybrid, and full in person. In the 2020-2021 school year, students began the year fully virtual, moved to hybrid in October, and moved to fully in person in March.

Instruction was provided through digital platforms and synchronous learning for both virtual and in person students. All students have a device and internet connectivity is supported for those families who need assistance. Additional technology was provided for teachers as well as additional training time and planning/preparation time.

Food Services continued to operate to provide lunch. Curriculum scope and pacing was adjusted based identification of critical skills and gaps identified from formative assessments.

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All students K-10th took the MAP test three times a year. K-3 students were also assessed with DIBELS reading and math(Acadience), Teacher's College reading levels, and curriculum-based assessments. Weekly lessons on the Social-Emotional-Ethical (SEE) framework were deliveredthrough morning meeting and advisory sessions in K-12.

In the 2021-2022 school year, the District was fully open with the ability for students to Zoom into classes when under isolation/quarantine protocols. Additional mental health supports were hired with an added social worker, increased hours for the SAP lead, and additional hours for school psychology services. Curriculum scope and pacing continued to be adjusted based identification of critical skills and formative assessments. All students K-10th took the MAP test three times a year. K-3 students were also assessed with DIBELS reading and math (Acadience), Teacher's College reading levels, and curriculum-based assessments. Students took the PSSA, Keystone exams, and AP Exams.

 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.

ARP ESSER Requirement

a. Universal and correct wearing of masks;

Strategies, Policies, and Procedures

- Use of masks will be optional.
- The District will adhere to any Orders or mandates established by the PA DOH or Delco DOH.
- The District will continue to review guidance from the CDC, PA DOH, PDE, CHOP Policy Lab, and Delco DOH Health Department.

ARP ESSER Requirement

b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical</u> <u>distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);

Strategies, Policies, and Procedures

- School buildings and offices will allow for full occupancy with no alterations or restrictions.
- The District will continue to review guidance from the CDC, PA DOH, PDE, CHOP Policy Lab, and Delco DOH Health Department.

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ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;	 Best practice encourages hand washing prior to meals and snacks, after meals and snack, transition back to class from being outside, after using the bathroom, and after blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing. The district will encourage our students, staff, and contractors to implement these best practices. The district will have available hand sanitizer in strategic locations of high traffic areas. The district will post signs in buildings reminding students, staff, and visitors of proper respiratory etiquette.
d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;	 The district utilizes EPA Approved Disinfectants for use against COVID19. There will be routine cleaning of our buildings, classrooms, common areas, and office spaces. The district will ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air by opening windows and doors when possible. The district will change filters regularly for these systems.
e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	 The District will follow any requirement by PA DOH and/or PDE to report all confirmed cases of COVID-19. The District will follow any requirement to isolate any confirmed positive COVID-19 individuals. Consistent with the direction given from Delco DOH, the District will not conduct close contact tracing, while in the school setting, unless otherwise ordered/mandated by state, federal, or local authorities. Student, staff, or visitor/volunteer who has tested positive for COVID-19, shall notify their direct supervisor or principal immediately. Guidance on isolation will be provided to the individual. Consistent with the guidance issued by CDC, close contacts of positive Covid-19 individuals will not be required to quarantine. When a cluster of cases, defined by Delco DOH as 10% of students or staff

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within a specified core group (such as a classroom, building, or extracurricular activity), the District will notify families and staff of the specified core group to empower individuals and families to choose to take their own mitigative steps (i.e. masking, testing).

individuals who become symptomatic during school or

working hours.

ARP ESSER Requirement Strategies, Policies, and Procedures f. Diagnostic and screening testing; The district will follow its Immunization and Communicable Diseases Policy for guidance on communicable diseases as COVID-19 is classified as such. The district will maintain adequate personal protective equipment for use when individuals become ill: gowns, N95 face covering, eye protection, gloves. Parents/Guardians are required to self-screen their child prior to reporting to school or programs and keep their child home if experiencing any symptoms. All students, staff, parents/guardians, visitors/volunteers are instructed to stay home when sick or symptomatic. Any individual who feels sick or exhibits onset symptoms during the school day will be instructed to report to the school nurse for evaluation. The District may implement a rapid antigen testing program for

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g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school</u> <u>communities;</u>	 The district will provide information to families on vaccine clinics and/or how get a COVID-19 vaccine for their child or family member.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	 For students with disabilities with medical diagnosis that required a prescribe health and safety plan, the IEP may reconvene to develop a specially designed instruction or strategies meet the needs of the student.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	 The District will follow any required reporting of cases of COVID-19, of which the district has been made aware, with the appropriate health department. The District will consult with the appropriate health department on specific cases or issues as needed.



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Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors for Rose Tree Media School District reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on August 25, 2022.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

Yes

No

Affirmed on: August 25, 2022

By:

(Signature* of Board President)

Susan Henderson-Utis

(Print Name of Board President)

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