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LEA Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

Section 1: Introduction

The purpose of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Fund is to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impacts of COVID-19 on the nation's students by addressing students' **academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs**. This plan describes how Martinsville City Public Schools will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other school and division staff during and following the return to full in-person instruction. Questions about this plan should be directed to Travis Clemons, 276.403.5722.

Section 2: Maintaining Health and Safety

Martinsville City Public Schools has taken and will continue to take actions to ensure the health and safety of students, educators, and other school and division staff during and following the return to full in-person instruction. A description of actions already taken and additional actions planned is contained in the Division's posted Health Plan.

https://www.martinsville.k12.va.us/content/martinsville/uploads/PDF/covid19/mcps_health_plan2.pdf

Section 3: Continuity of Services

Martinsville City Public Schools has taken and will continue to take actions to 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.

https://www.martinsville.k12.va.us/content/martinsville/uploads/PDF/covid19/return_to_school_plan.pdf

https://www.martinsville.k12.va.us/content/martinsville/uploads/PDF/return_to_school_plan-spanish.pdf

https://www.martinsville.k12.va.us/content/martinsville/uploads/PDF/covid19/use_instructional_plan_3-8-21.pdf

Section 4: Opportunity for Public Comment

In developing the ARP ESSER Plan, Martinsville City Public Schools sought public input and took such input into account as described below.

The plan was presented and a public hearing held at the March 08, 2021 school board meeting, conducted in person and recorded live and replayed on a loop via our local government channel. Surveys were developed that collected input for planning and decision making.

Section 5: Periodic Review and Revision of Plan

During the period of the ARP ESSER award (until September 2023), Martinsville City Public Schools will periodically review and, as needed, revise its plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services. The plan will be reviewed at least every six months, and Martinsville City Public Schools will seek and take into account public input during the review process. Plan revisions will address updated CDC guidance on safely reopening schools, if any are issued.

Section 6: Making the Plan Available to the Public

Martinsville City Public Schools has taken the following steps to make this plan available to the public:

- The plan is posted at the links provided above;
- The plan is also available in Spanish via the link above.
- The plan may be orally translated for parents. Contact Dr. Tamra Vaughan, 276.403.5708 to request translation; and
- Upon request, a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA may be provided with the plan in an alternative format accessible by contacting Dr. Paulette Simington, 276.403.5856.