

MILLER PLACE

UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT



Reopening Schools Plan 2020-21

Community Presentation – August 26, 2020

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PLAN DEVELOPMENT QUALIFYING STATEMENT

For the 2020-21 school year this plan:

1. Serves as the framework for our practices and procedures
2. Guidance from CDC, DOH, SED, Governor, Suffolk County
3. Does not address every possible scenario
4. Addresses social distancing recommendations
5. Prioritizes (a) safety (minimize risk) and (b) instruction
6. It will change (it already has)
7. We value K-12 public education, but this year, our instruction and classroom is going to be different

We need to figure this out together

MPTA REPRESENTATION on the REOPENING TASK FORCE = 130

STEERING and COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

5 - Board of Education Members
5 - Central Office Administrators

OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE = 16

HEALTH & SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE = 27

LEARNING & INSTRUCTION SUBCOMMITTEE = 30

SPECIAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE = 22

TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE = 25

MASK AND FACE COVERINGS



- **REQUIRED** to be worn by all staff and students. District will provide face coverings for individuals arriving to the buildings without one
- **LOCATIONS** include school buses, in common areas of school buildings, and in classrooms during instruction
- **MASK BREAK SCHEDULES** elementary every 30 minutes for 5 minutes and secondary students in the middle of the period for 5 minutes
- **MASK BREAK AREAS** are being designated for secondary students
- **MASKS ARE NOT REQUIRED** during a mask break, when they are eating/drinking, during physical education classes
- There is a provision for parents to submit **medical documentation** regarding a child who may not be medically able to wear a mask for extended periods of time

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Screening and Temperature Check Protocols

FACULTY AND STAFF: Are required to check their temperature and complete a COVID-19 screening questionnaire **daily** prior to arriving at school.

STUDENTS: Parents/guardians should not send students to school with a fever $\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$ or symptoms of COVID-19. Student temperature screening will take place at each school upon arrival.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

Building Protocols

ISOLATION ROOMS:

Ill students and staff will be assessed and isolated in a separate designated room, not the health office.

VISITORS:

1. Will be limited except for picking up a sick child.
2. There will be no drop off of student items during the school day.
3. Daily health screenings form for visitors, guests, contractors, and vendors, who will be required to sign and acknowledge that they are COVID-19 symptom free and are required to wear a face covering.
4. Parent meetings will be virtual to the extent possible using Google and Zoom (needed faculty licenses being purchased)
5. No indoor use of facilities by community organizations.
6. Outdoor use of facilities permitted following social distancing requirements.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Building Protocols

HALLWAYS: directional **signage** is being installed to alleviate traffic congestion, and hand sanitizing dispensers have been installed next to the hallway door for all classrooms

SIGNAGE: proper respiratory hygiene and social distancing verbiage/graphics distributed throughout hallways and classrooms in each building to enforce proper social distancing protocols

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Building Protocols

SECONDARY LOCKERS – Hallways and PE – will not be used during the 2020-21 school year.

SECONDARY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS – Can still be stored in the music room cages

REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT – Social distancing information, and no elementary students will be allowed to have nut products in classrooms. This will be added to the District's Code of Conduct as part of parents and students responsibilities.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Building Protocols

DAILY SANITIZING: high touch areas will be sanitized daily, restrooms will be monitored for cleanliness throughout the day. Operations Union staff is being hired and repurposed to address enhanced cleaning during the school day.

CLEANING PRODUCTS: Over the summer an independent contractor was hired to conduct a certification check that cleaning products are working accordingly.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Building Protocols

VENTILATION:

1. Utilizing the installed unit ventilators and air handlers that provide fresh air into an occupied space while mixing it with inside air prior to passing the air over the coils before air is pushed into the room.
2. Independent contractor was hired over the summer to confirm/certify that the unit ventilators and air handlers are working properly and filters have been changed accordingly.
3. Air Purifiers have been ordered for areas that do not have exterior windows.
4. Windows will be opened/cracked for increased fresh air.
5. Window air conditioners and fans cannot be installed in classrooms for non-medical reasons as they are counterproductive in trying to not circulate germs throughout the area.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Building Protocols

BATHROOMS: paper towels have been installed to replace hand dryers

HAND WASHING STATIONS: have been ordered for each school to increase access for students to wash their hands

ELEMENTARY DESK SHIELDS: have been ordered for all student desks

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Building Protocols

FIRE DRILLS: will be scheduled according to SED requirements
(no changes to date)

EVACUATION and OTHER EMERGENCY DRILLS: may be
conducted verbally and not violate social distancing requirements

STORAGE CONTAINERS: are being delivered to each school to
store excess furniture and cabinets

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Building Protocols

What if there is a confirmed case of a student or adult having COVID-19?

Suffolk County Department of Health is responsible for:

- **Procedures and notifications**
- **Contact tracing**
- **Positive cases are reviewed on a case-by-case basis**
- **Recommendations for testing (the District does not conduct any testing on-site for anyone)**
- **Quarantine recommendations will be made to the Superintendent of Schools**

Building Logistics

Building Entry and Exit Points:

Staff – has been designed for each school with multiple points with the availability of staggered arrival times

Students – has been designed for each school and may not align with the arrival and dismissal times of buses

Libraries – Might not be used as an instructional setting

Outdoor Tents – Were ordered in the spring and have been delivered. It is anticipated they will be used for recess, PE, art, music, instruction based on teacher request.

Building Logistics

Staff Travel Between Buildings - Attempt to minimize when possible

Secondary Passing Time - Has been increased to five minutes

Senior Parking – Will be allowed as students may attend the required driving course virtually

School Tool – Reviewed software modifications that may be needed

Building Logistics

AS per Governor Cuomo, schools can reopen for the 2020-21 school year under the following criteria:



COVID-19 regional infection rate below 5%

Region is Nassau and Suffolk County

School Calendar – Will be readopted August 26, 2020

- Faculty, Superintendent Conference Days, September 8th and 9th
- Students, Elementary and Secondary Cohort 2, September 10th
- Students, Secondary Cohort 1, September 14th
- May be modified throughout the year

SCHOOL SCHEDULE: ELEMENTARY

ANDREW MULLER PRIMARY SCHOOL
LADDIE A. DECKER SOUND BEACH SCHOOL



- **On-site Instruction** will be five days per week
- Projected approximately 17 students per classroom
- Masks required at all times except for scheduled breaks and meals
- Lunch in classrooms
- Library, physical education, art and music included in the elementary program
- **100% Virtual Option will be five days per week (added 8/12/20)**

ELEMENTARY Classrooms

ANDREW MULLER PRIMARY SCHOOL
LADDIE A. DECKER SOUND BEACH SCHOOL



- Laminated charts will be allowed on the walls and cabinet doors. They must be secured/taped, in a specific manner to reduce the possibility of germs adhering to the back of the chart. No paper items are to be taped to the wall.
- Students will be allowed to leave their personal instructional items in their desk each night.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE: SECONDARY

NORTH COUNTRY ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL
MILLER PLACE HIGH SCHOOL



- Hybrid Model will be a two-day onsite instruction, one-day live remote instruction and two-day remote learning
- Full day of instruction with approximately 50% of students onsite each in-session school day
- Vocational BOCES students will attend five days per week

SCHOOL SCHEDULE: SPECIAL EDUCATION and Services



- **ELEMENTARY:** Special class, five days, onsite instruction
- **SECONDARY:** Special class four days onsite instruction and one-day live remote instruction (includes ICT students)
- **SPEECH, OT, PT, RESOURCE ROOM**
– All scheduled accordingly

MEDICALLY QUALIFIED ONLINE LEARNING

Grades 7-12 vulnerable students who medically **qualify** to participate **in full-time online learning** may be offered a program facilitated by one of the following:

Home tutoring instruction

Third Party Remote Instruction

HOME SCHOOLING OPTION

The screenshot shows the Miller Place School District website. The header includes navigation links for District Home, Our Schools, and Translate, along with Sign In, Register, and Search options. The Miller Place School District logo is prominently displayed, along with the tagline "Historical Excellence in Education". A secondary navigation bar lists various services: School-Tool Parent-Portal, Calendar, Menus, Counseling (Guidance), and Athletics. The main navigation bar includes links for District, Board of Education, Departments, Community, Parents, Staff, Safe Schools Hotline, and Distance Learning. The current page is titled "Home Schooling" and features a blue header with the text "Home Schooling". Below this, a welcome message reads "Welcome to Home School Information". A list of links is provided, including Monthly Attendance Logs, Grade 1-6 Planning Chart, Grade 7-8 Planning Chart, Grade 9-12 Planning Chart, Quarterly Reports Grades 1-6, Quarterly Reports Grades 7-8, Quarterly Reports Grades 9-12, 2020-2021 Individualized Home Instruction Plan Kindergarten, 2020-2021 Individualized Home Instruction Plan 1-6, 2020-2021 Individualized Home Instruction Plan 7-8, 2020-2021 Individualized Home Instruction Plan 9-12, 2020-2021 Annual Assessment Form, and 2020-2021 Individualized Home Instruction Plan Application.

- If you plan to homeschool (parent provided instruction) your child for the 2020-21 school year, please immediately contact your child's principal so he/she can assist you to begin that process.

STUDENT and PARENT EVENTS

Student Events Scheduled In-Person:

- ❖ Orientations for K, 3rd, 6th and 9th grade students
- ❖ Building Walk Through

Parent Virtual Meetings Being Discussed:

- ❖ Annual Open House (September or October 2020)

TRANSPORTATION - Buses



SEATING ARRANGEMENTS: 60 passenger buses have 20 seats in 10 rows, siblings required to sit together in one seat, social distanced if feasible

DISINFECTING: First Student to clean, sanitize and disinfect buses once a day using Signet Neutral Disinfectant; high touch spots on buses will be cleaned before both AM and PM runs

FACE COVERINGS: all students required to wear face coverings inside District buses

TRANSPORTATION - Parents



Parent drop off and pick up procedures
being finalized, including:

- ✓ Locations
- ✓ Times
- ✓ Security

FOOD SERVICES

Food services will be available for all K-12 students including the **free** and **reduced meal program**

ELEMENTARY:

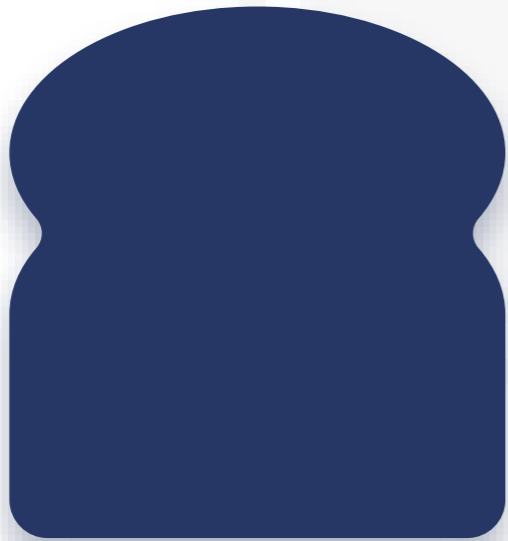
Meals eaten in **classroom** at student desks, delivered to each classroom, **no tree nut products**

SECONDARY:

Meals eaten in the **cafeteria** at individual desks to maintain appropriate social distancing

VENDING MACHINES:

Will not be operating in any school building



LEARNING PLATFORM and TECHNOLOGY

Four areas identified for improvement:

1. Platform change – **Implementing GOOGLE CLASSROOM**
2. Professional Development – **In process and continuing throughout the year for faculty, students and parents**
3. Common Devices – **Laptop distribution - faculty completed, secondary students in process, elementary students date TBD**
4. Reliable Internet Access – **Our schools are ready**

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING



MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSIVE PRACTICES:

Mental health and counseling staff will provide mental health support and resources, including group or individual counseling and consultation for students and families as needed

ELEMENTARY:

Students will participate in morning meetings with staff

SECONDARY:

All grade levels will have **check-ins** with staff

Schools Based Program BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

May be offered to the best of the District's ability as per guidance and regulations of multiple governing agencies

ATHLETICS:

Fall sports delayed by NYSPHSAA until September 21,
NYSPHSAA alternative plan: three season schedule beginning in
January

SCOPE PROGRAMS

PRE-K PROGRAM:

SCOPE is offering this program following health and safety protocols of the District

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

SCOPE is offering this program following health and safety protocols of the District



District Website Postings: Reopen Schools Information
Reopening Plans, Department of Health Plans,
Contact Tracing and Testing Plan, Committee Information,
Various Resources and Documents

Goggle Classroom Webpage (Remote Learning):
Parent Guides and Tutorials
Resources and Videos
Digital Citizenship