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Public education is the cornerstone of our community. Nearly all children in Plainview pass through the doors of our schools. Parents and guardians have been admirable partners in educating their children. We look forward to the return of our community's youth to our classrooms and campuses.

We have invested heavily in instructional resources and materials for students and instructional faculty. We have new textbooks, instructional leveled libraries, technology, intervention support, career and technical education program offerings (greenhouse/horticulture), and updates to our co-curricular facilities ready or in preparation for our students' return.

Aligned with the data of this letter, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) has allowed for a regular school opening for the 2020-21 school year. With additional guidance on safety processes that should be in place and the Texas Governor Abbott's most recent executive order (GA-29) issued July 2, 2020 to a wear face covering in public, Plainview ISD fully plans to open school with students and staff in attendance on all district campuses. Plainview ISD will use all guidance on COVID-19 precautions.

- 1) The temperature of all students, staff, and faculty will be checked, daily, to ensure all maintain a temperature below 100 degrees.
 - a) All students who ride the bus will have their temperatures taken prior to boarding the bus.
 - b) All students arrive to campus after the scheduled time to check temperatures has passed will report to the office area for a designated person to take their temperature.
 - c) Any student who feels ill during the day will have his/her temperature taken, and if over 100 degrees, he/she will be sent home.
 - d) Any student who tests positive for COVID-19 must pass 14 days symptom free before being readmitted to campus, and if siblings live within the home, they, too, will have to meet the 14-day symptom-free criteria.
 - e) Per Texas Education Agency guidance, any campus where a student has tested positive for COVID-19 must be deep cleaned. The Texas Education Agency has given schools up to 4 days if the contamination is feared to be widespread.
 - i) However, such deep cleaning can take place at the time the student is identified, and the campus can be ready the following day for instruction.
 - ii) Only under extreme circumstances will we enact more than the usual end-of-day to start-of-day cycle.
 - iii) Should the shut-down for cleaning go for 4 days or more, all instruction will move online until school resumes.
- 2) Instructional faculty and paraprofessional instructional faculty will use face shields as long as the Governor Abbott's executive order requires such in buildings where social distancing is not possible, and students must use masks for grades 4th and up as required by gubernatorial executive order GA-29.
 - a) Exceptions to face mask usage must align with sound practice, i.e. medical conditions, age, while eating, athletic participation, and fine art participation where mask usage is not practicable.
 - i) For athletic participation, all UIL guidance will be followed.



- ii) For all fine arts participation, all UIL guidance will be followed.
 - iii) For both athletics and fine arts, the guidance continues to evolve, so final direction for these co-curricular programs and all their offerings will adhere to the newest guidance upon the beginning of school.
 - b) Any student who cannot wear a mask will have his/her educational program modified on a case-by-case basis.
 - c) Any student who refuses to wear a mask will be sent home and must participate online until his/her parent/guardian agrees that the student will dutifully comply with direction from the Texas Education Agency.
 - d) Students will be provided temporary masks for a short time until parents/guardians secure their student(s) masks as part of their back to school attire and supplies. We will purchase some masks and have them available for parents at cost.
- 3) Online instruction is not a primary option.
- a) Rather, online instruction is an option on a case-by-case basis, and participation in extracurricular activities, such as athletics, fine arts, and CTE will be limited to online participation.
 - b) In other words, a student cannot participate online and still attend athletics, fine arts, and CTE offerings on campus as such would counter any safeguards sought from online instruction.
 - c) Furthermore, online instruction will require daily participation that will incur grades through online assessments, assignments, participation, posting of content, and posting of performance-based video content where necessary (athletics, fine arts, and CTE).
- 4) All campuses will receive weekly deep cleaning and daily deep cleaning in high traffic areas, such as restrooms, cafeterias, and any surface where multiple students have access, i.e. desktops and door pulls/handles.
- 5) The safe operation of our schools relies on parents and guardians supporting these measures and by keeping their ill students at home until a time they meet standards set by the local health authority and CDC.
- 6) Campuses will allow limited access to visitors.
- a) Parents/guardians must have their temperatures taken, and they will not be allowed beyond the front office area unless meeting with instructional personnel for valid instructional reasons, such as parent meetings, ARD meetings, LPAC meetings, 504 meetings, or to work with administrative/counseling personnel relative to graduation plans.
 - b) External service providers, such as counselors, Central Plains personnel, or any other outside agency must have their temperatures taken, and they will not be allowed to move about the campus beyond a designated place to meet with campus personnel or students.
- 7) Each campus will provide parents/guardians the following information:
- a) Procedures to identify students with social-emotional and/or affective needs.
 - b) Procedures for campus entry and exit.
 - c) Procedures by which staff and students' temperatures will be taken:



- i) Upon arrival
 - ii) Upon late arrival
 - iii) Upon feeling ill
 - iv) For visitors
 - d) Procedures to send students who are ill to the office to have their temperatures checked and a system to send them home or back to class.
 - e) Procedures to address students/staff who test positive for COVID-19 and trace contact.
 - f) Procedures to enter and exit classrooms as well as passage through the hallways with appropriate supervision to limit loitering and excessive contact.
 - g) Procedures for entering and navigating large spaces, such as cafeterias, gyms, band halls, choir rooms, CTE classrooms, theaters, etc....
 - h) Procedures for the entry and exit of visitors, including taking visitors' temperatures and directing/guiding them to and from meeting spaces.
 - i) Procedures for students who do not follow face mask requirements or who do not follow any other campus rule for safety and security.
 - j) Procedures to identify "hot spot" areas on campus where students congregate unsupervised or where issues arise and processes to address such "hot spots."
 - k) Procedures to move students to and from athletic, fine arts, and CTE facilities.
 - l) Procedures to provide students with temporary face covering until they have their own, permeant face covering.
- 8) Any student new to Plainview ISD after the start of school (first two weeks) and coming from another district/county with active COVID-19 cases can enroll in Plainview ISD; however, he/she will be provided a full schedule and engage in online instruction for 5 days. After 5 days, the student will be allowed on campus. Online services will include any 504, Exceptional Education, or language learning needs appropriately documented by the previous district and considered within reason by Plainview ISD.
- 9) Following parameters set by the Texas Education Agency, online instruction will include the following as guided by each Plainview ISD elementary, middle, or high school campus.
- a) By definition, asynchronous instruction consists of instruction pre-recorded, curated from existing content, or designed by instructional staff (teachers, support staff, and central instructional staff) to meet student learning needs for grade and age appropriate content all in alignment with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) state curriculum standards.
 - b) All content will be available online via Google Classroom.
 - c) Each teacher who provides online instruction will have a specific roster and assign instruction, assess instruction, take daily attendance, and assign grades in line with district and campus policy and protocol.
 - i) This, of course, is for students who select online instruction or who test positive for COVID-19.

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- ii) All work assigned during this time must be completed by the student for a grade. Failure to do so will result in zeros.
 - iii) All students must check in daily for attendance purposes with their teacher and access content in line with campus attendance check in procedures.
 - iv) All compulsory attendance laws will be in full effect for online instruction.
 - v) Campuses will designate specific staff for online instruction if numbers are high and make adjustments in their overall section taught or number of in-person students taught or evenly distribute online students if the numbers are within reason. Each campus will have degrees of discretion based on numbers of students accessing or assigned to online instruction.
- d) Please note that online instruction is not “Homeschooling.” Homeschooling means a parent/guardian withdraws his/her student(s) and assumes full responsibility for their entire education. Homeschooling means Plainview ISD is under no obligation to provide any educational service.