

**The following plan outlines the strategies for school reopening to be followed by WLSD. These strategies are based on the results from the “School Opening Survey” as well as the guidelines set by the Center for Disease Control (CDC).**

### **OPERATIONS PROGRAMMING AND SCHEDULING**

- **SCHOOL SCHEDULES** – It is our goal to open schools on a traditional learning schedule in AUGUST of 2021. There may be a need to offer Hybrid, or Virtual Learning to students with extreme underlining medical conditions.
  - School times may be altered to allow for longer arrival times and dismissal times
  - Schools will open traditionally beginning August 2, 2021 and ending for students May 20, 2022
  - Grade levels may be split to reduce the number of students in a class at any given time
  - Students who are placed on quarantine will participate on a virtual learning schedule and work through the LMS
  - We will continue to follow CDC’s guidelines for safe return to sports and limit attendance at events as needed
- **BUILDING OPERATIONS PLANNING**
  - All classes will be properly cleaned and sanitized throughout the day when students are not present
  - All classrooms will be provided with hand sanitizer and disinfectant spray
  - There will be hand sanitizing stations placed throughout the buildings
  - Restroom use will be closely monitored and sanitized after each class
  - There will be a high volume of cleaning and disinfecting done by the maintenance and custodial team at the end of each day
  - Air purifiers will be placed through buildings and classrooms to continue to kill germs circulating in the air
  - Funds are being utilized to replace HVAC systems that will address the need for better air quality
  - Visitation to buildings will be limited and visitors will be restricted from moving throughout the buildings
- **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**
  - Additional bus routes may be added to the current transportation schedule to ensure that buses are not overcrowded
  - Bus schedules may be altered to maintain social distancing and to limit the number of students on a bus
  - Seats may be assigned on the bus with relatives in the same household seated together
  - Buses will be sanitized between routes
  - Buses may run elementary and secondary students separately depending on the number of students on a route
  - Cameras will be utilized on buses to enforce guidelines and to assure that proper cleaning is conducted
- **FOOD SERVICE PLANNING**
  - Lunch schedules will be altered to allow for social distancing in the cafeterias
  - Lunches may be delivered to the classrooms when social distancing is not possible in the cafeteria
  - Cafeteria staff will receive additional training on properly preparing and serving food
  - Lunches may be served to students who are not physically attending school but participating in **Distance Learning**

## **ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING Reopening Plan**

- The district will provide continuous professional development to teachers in the areas of **Distance Learning**
- **Face-to-Face** Instruction will be provided on a traditional schedule where students will see all scheduled teachers
- **Distance Learning** will be used for student in quarantine or on a full virtual schedule
- Various forms of instruction will be utilized when students are not physically present at school
- Students in grades 6-12 will be enrolled in Edgenuity as a part of their virtual learning schedule when not present at school
- ALL in grades K-8 will continue to utilize iReady as a part of their daily instruction and **Distance Learning**
- Teachers will utilize virtual teaching platforms, such as ZOOM and Google Classroom to meet with students
- Student not able to participate in virtual learning for electives will receive **Face-to-Face** time with instructors
- Students in grades Pre-K to 4<sup>th</sup> will receive **Face-to-Face** instruction daily in small groups focusing on Core Essentials
- Diagnostic screeners will be completed on ALL students throughout the year to determine any learning gaps due to COVID-19 closure
- School Status and Schoology will be used to communicate students' academic progress with parents and students
- Schoology will be used as the Learning Management System and the platform for traditional and distance learning
- The Learning Management System will also be used for communication with parents and progress monitoring of students
- Administrators and Curriculum staff will log on to live sessions to evaluate the effectiveness of staff delivery

## **EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS – FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT Reopening Plan**

- Surveys will be administered in July 2021 to gain valuable knowledge about parents' thoughts on reopening school
- Results of Reopening School surveys will be posted on the district's website and our plans may or may not be adjusted
- A new website has been designed to communicate more effectively with parents
- The district will continue to use social media platforms to communicate with parents
- Parents will receive WEB training on how to utilize virtual platforms
- The district is developing a plan to provide meals to students who are participating in **Distance Learning**
- We will provide a program called Schoology to allow parents to communicate with teachers and see their child's instructional progress
- Online registration will be provided for returning students using Active Parent
- Email addresses will be established for parents and students to communicate with staff during and after hours
- Each school will designate a COVID-19 response person to answer all school specific concerns from the general public
- Director of Community/Media Relations and will be available during and after hours
- Information on COVID-19 procedures will be posted daily on the district's website, and social media
- Parents should communicate any changes in contact information to the school immediately

## TECHNOLOGY AND LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

- Devices are available for ALL students in grades Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup>
- Google Pads with touch screen capabilities are available to students in grades Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Chromebooks are available to ALL students in grades 3-12
- We will also provide Internet access cards or mobile hotspots to students with connectivity issues due to their location
- Students without Internet access will receive hard copies of classwork when they are not meeting **Face-to-Face**
- Edgenuity will provide instruction to students in grades 6-12 as a virtual learning option
- Teachers will use various strategies for online instruction including Zoom, Google Meets, and Google Classroom etc.
- The district will provide Schoology as the Learning Management System for parents and students
- Parents will be able to monitor students' work, see grades, check students' progress and communicate with teachers in Schoology
- Training and support will be provided to students and parents on how to use the Schoology Learning Management platform

## HEALTH AND SAFETY Reopening Plan

- There will be one school nurse at each site in the district with a newly employed Director of Health and Wellness
  - The Director of Health and Wellness will work with school nurses and local physicians to develop safe reopening plans
  - Students will be required to wear masks on buses and in the classroom setting as recommended by health officials
  - Parents are encouraged to provide students with masks that can be washed and reused
  - The district has purchased additional masks for students and visitors who are without one
  - Students will be allowed to take short breaks from wearing the masks when it is safe to do so
  - ALL students, staff, and visitors will have their temperatures checked daily before entering the building
  - Each school building will have a location where students and staff can be isolated from others should they become ill at school
  - Handwashing and sanitizing will be required throughout the day for all students and staff
  - Students will not be allowed to be within 6-feet of other students when not wearing a mask
  - Touchless faucets and water fountains will be installed throughout restrooms and hallways
  - Protocols will be in place to notify parents if their child has been in close contact with someone testing positive for COVID-19
  - Classes will be arranged to allow for proper social distancing when students are engaged in **Face-to-Face** instruction
  - COVID-19 testing will be available and administered on campus by school nurses daily
  - The district is partnering with LIFE HELP to provide all of our social, emotional and mental health services to ALL students
- ❖ Policies and procedures will be reviewed and amended as needed to meet the needs of this Public Health Crisis. It is our goal to start school on a normal schedule beginning the first day of school Safety Plans will include a section on Pandemic Procedures. These plans may change when more information is released from the MDE, the CDC, and the Governor's Office.