

## **Ridgewood Local School District**

### **Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan**

This plan describes how Ridgewood Local School District will maintain the health and safety of students and staff during the 2021-2022 school year. Ridgewood Local School District is committed to educating all students. Ridgewood Local Schools plan on returning to face to face instruction with all students on Monday, August 23, 2021. The Board of Education, administration, and staff believe the best place for students is to learn in brick and mortar of our buildings with in-person instruction.

#### Maintaining the Health and Safety

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and pursuant to Board Policy 8450.01, the Board of Education hereby determines that students are required to wear a mask at all times upon entering any District building and when unable to maintain six (6) feet or more of social distance, effective September 21, 2021, for a period of **31** days.
- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and pursuant to Board Policy 8450.01, the Board of Education hereby determines that all employees, volunteers, Board members, parents/guardians, community members, contractors, businesses, groups renting District facilities, persons attending Board meetings, and persons attending extracurricular activities are required to wear a mask at all times upon entering any District building and when unable to maintain six (6) feet or more of social distance, effective September 21, 2021, for a period of **31** days
- The CDC continues to require that masks be worn on all public transportation, including school buses, regardless of vaccination status.
- All reasonable efforts will be made to allow physical distancing and modifying facilities when necessary. Barriers will be available for any student or staff member.
- Hand sanitizing stations will continue to be available in classrooms, cafeterias, and gyms for students, staff and community.
- Custodial staff will continue to utilize the protocols and cleaning procedures from the 2020-2021 school year. Classroom teachers, paraprofessionals and bus drivers will have the opportunities to clean their environment using gloves and proper cleaning solutions.
- Ridgewood Local School District will continue to cooperate with the Coshocton Health Department in the communication of positive Covid-19 cases as allowed by law. We will continue to follow the 72 hours duration of fever free and improvement of symptoms prior to students and staff return to school.

- Ridgewood Local School District will continue our partnership with Muskingum Valley Health Centers in providing information about Covid-19 vaccine opportunities.
- Ridgewood Local School District will provide accommodations and modifications for students with disabilities on a case to case basis as mandated by their IEP. Amendments to the student's IEP may be necessary based on the health and safety of the child.

### Ensuring Continuity of Services

- Ridgewood Local School District will return to full time face to face in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Summer 2021 programming has been offered to all students in the district with our Beyond the Bell program. Summer programming will include interventions as well as enrichment activities for students.
- Ridgewood Local School staff will progress monitor and assess student learning gaps from the pandemic and provide supplemental and tier interventions to address losses of learning.
- Extended learning opportunities will be provided in each building during the 2021-2022 school year with our Beyond the Bell program funded by 21<sup>st</sup> century learning grant.
- Remote learning may be available if our district is ordered to be closed to face to face instruction by the Ohio Department of Health.
- Ridgewood Local teachers will be trained using an evidence based lesson delivery method to help reduce gaps of student learning.
- Ridgewood Local School staff will continue to be trained in trauma-informed practices to meet the social and emotional needs of all students.
- Ridgewood Local Schools will continue to utilize PBIS in all buildings and build a culture of respect and responsibility.
- Ridgewood Local Schools Food Service will continue their strong support in providing nutritional meals for students with free breakfast and lunch for all students. Blessing bags will be available in each building to help with food shortage on non-school days.

Ridgewood Local School District created this plan in June 2021. We will continue to progress monitor and review the procedures in accordance with state and local health guidelines. Ridgewood Local School District will review this plan semi-annually.

## Local Use of Funds

- RLSD will reserve not less than 20% of ARP ESSER funds to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning/enrichment, extended day/afterschool programs/extended school year programs and ensuring the students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on the student subgroups described in section 1111(b)(2)(B)(xi) of ESEA of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(2)(B)(xi), students experiencing homelessness and children and youth in foster care.
- RLSD will use funds to prevent, prepare and respond to coronavirus and ensure that the expense is reasonable and necessary. The funds will be use to promote equity while supporting the return to the classroom for district students.
- RLSD will ensure the use of funds are allowable under ARP/CRRSA/CARES
- RLSD will provide principals and other school leaders with the resources necessary to address the needs of their individual schools.
- RLSD will develop strategies and implement public health protocols including, to the greatest extent practicable, policies in line with guidance from the CDC for reopening and operating school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students and staff.

*Ridgewood Local School District, September 21, 2021*