



Fairview District 72

Fairview School District 72 Safe Return to School Plan

Health and Safety of Students, Educators, and other Staff

The detailed plan below illustrates the efforts of District 72 to put the health and safety of the Fairview community at the forefront of all decision related to the safe return to school. By following the strategies outlined in the plan and investing in the tools and resources needed, the District has an will continue to keep the learning environment safe for all.

Prevention and Mitigation Strategies

District 72 opened its doors to in-person learning in August of 2020, earlier than most schools in Illinois. At that time, the District was confident in making this decision due to the wide range of mitigation measures that were put in place at that time. (Please see Attachment A for the complete list of mitigation strategies.) All of the strategies noted are in compliance with CDC guidance.

Continuity of Services: Academic Impact of Lost Instructional Time

As previously stated, the District only remained closed to students during the Governor's mandated closure from March 13, 2020- June 8, 2020. During that time, the District insured continuity of services by deploying 1:1 devices to all K-8 grade students. Additionally, the District had a "materials pick-up" day, so that all families had the school supplies, consumable workbooks and reading materials necessary to continue learning. The food services department provided grab and go lunches to families facing food insecurity. Counseling staff continued to meet with identified students, but also expanded services to support families and students facing new issues due to the pandemic.

By opening school again quickly, lost instructional time was greatly minimized. With that being said, we did recognize that students were showing gaps in learning due to the pandemic. In an effort to support students academically the following approach was implemented:



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1. Summer School Program - August 2020, 2021, 2022
2. Addition of Mental Health Support (2020-2021 school year)
3. Addition of Intervention in Math and Reading
4. Revision of Intervention Curriculums, purchase of materials
5. Purchase of K-8 Social Science, Math and Reading Curriculums

These interventions are targeted at the District's Title I population which has been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. With that being said, the programs and purchases above benefit all of the District's students.

The District plans to undertake a significant facility project to address growing enrollment and changing student needs. This project will take place beginning in the Summer of 2022 and will continue through fall of 2023.

In addition to classrooms, the District will be adding a Preschool program, a state of the art learning center and STEM labs. All of the new addition will add to the student experience at Fairview.

Stakeholder Input

Throughout the pandemic the parent community, faculty and staff have been involved in the decision making process at District 72. The Fairview Teachers' Association played an important role in determining that the District could reopen safely and what mitigation measures needed to be put in place. In June of 2020, the District established a Covid Task Force, which included all of the District's stakeholders. This group met through the summer of 2020 and molded the plan that was successfully implemented in August of 2020. These same individuals have been involved as the District's plans have evolved throughout 2021 and now into 2022.

Plan Review

As needed the Covid Task Force was convened to discuss the plan and whether changes were needed. In addition, the Board of Education spoke about the plan and discuss it at the regularly scheduled Board of Education regular meetings.