

Melville School District LE0868
Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction
and Continuity of Services

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SAFETY MEASURES

The District is taking the following measures to safely provide in-person instruction, including consideration of guidance by the CDC and state and local health officials as follows:

Universal and correct wearing of masks

Face coverings will be optional. Face coverings are considered a personal choice for staff, students, and visitors to the school.

Physical Distancing

Physical distancing will be optional. Physical distancing is considered a personal choice for staff, students, and visitors to the school.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

Handwashing locations and antibacterial wipes will be provided by the school for use by staff, students, and visitors. The practice of good hygiene and hand washing has been and will continue to be emphasized by the staff.

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities (including improving ventilation)

Rigorous cleaning protocols will be utilized in accordance to district policy. The school has purchased a commercial room purification system that will be utilized along with regular cleaning protocols. Improvement of the ventilation system will be the result of utilization of ESSER funding.

Contact Tracing

Melville School follows the contract tracing protocols established by the Sweet Grass County Health Department and refers any questions to the County Health Nurse who conducts contact tracing.

Diagnostic and Screening Testing

Melville School follows the suggested protocols for screening and testing established by the Sweet Grass County Health Department. Any questions or referrals are forwarded to the County Health Nurse.

Vaccinations

The District will act in accordance with state and federal law with respect to vaccinations for its staff and eligible students.

The District will not refuse, withhold from, or deny a person any services, goods, facilities, advantages, privileges, licensing, educational opportunities, health care access, or employment opportunities based on the person's vaccination status.

Accommodating Students with Disabilities

The District will provide accommodations to its policies for students with disabilities as determined appropriate based upon the individual student needs and in accordance with a individual accommodation plan or individualized education plan. Students requiring accommodations should contact the County Superintendent at 406-930-1643 to request information on plans for students with disabilities.

CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

The District will provide for continuity of services as follows:

Student Academic Needs

Melville School is a small rural school with three teachers and two paraprofessionals. Each student has individualized, differentiated instruction that addresses their academic needs.

Student Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs

The social, emotional, and mental health needs of the students are addressed through interaction with the teachers and the paraprofessionals. Teacher Ms. Rouwhorst fulfills the role of guidance instructor for purposes of accreditation. Any serious issues are referred to professional service providers. No one slips through the cracks in such a small school.

Other Student Needs (which may include student health and food services)

There are no food services provided due to the small number of students in attendance. Student health issues are referred to the County Health Nurse who conducts all of the annual screenings, immunizations as needed, and is available for office consultation as needed.

Staff Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs

The social, emotional, and mental health needs of the staff are addressed through professional development opportunities and good interpersonal communication. The County Superintendent of Schools is available to help staff and to make referrals as needed.

PUBLIC INPUT

The draft of this plan was posted at the school, the post office and on the Facebook group for Melville School, and the community is offered an opportunity to comment on the plan.

Stakeholders are also welcomed to provide public comment on the plan at public meetings, including the board meeting at which the plan is approved.

The District will review this Plan at least once every six months and will provide an opportunity for public input in association with any review of the Plan. The plan will be reviewed at regular board meetings during May and November as needed.