

# USD 461 Neodesha

## Plan for Safe Return to In-Person

### Instruction and Continuity of Services

**\*\*This Plan is Subject to Change at Any Time Pending Health Concerns in our Schools and Community**

#### **PART I.**

*Describe how the district will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC:*

**(A) Universal and correct wearing of masks.**

As of May 28, 2021, the Board of Education removed the requirement of mandatory wearing of masks in school facilities. It is at the discretion of staff and parents to whether masks will be worn. Correct mask wearing has been taught in all classrooms and will continue to be addressed as the 2021 school year begins. Mask wearing posters are posted in each building and on the front doors of each school. Masks are available at the entrance of each school for anyone who would like to wear one.

**(B) Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding).**

Neodesha schools will continue their plans to practice safe distancing at school. Social distancing dots have been placed on the floors in hallways and on the cafeteria seats, so students are constantly and visually reminded to stay 6 ft apart. The use of cohorts will be used when necessary according to COVID concerns in our buildings.

**(C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.**

Correct handwashing etiquette and respiratory etiquette is addressed by the school nurse at each grade level several times a year. Correct handwashing posters and respiratory etiquette are posted in the restrooms and around each building. Hand sanitizer is available in each office and in individual classrooms.

**(D) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.**

An additional custodian has been hired to help the efforts of keeping the facilities cleaned and sanitized. The HVAC systems at the High School and Heller building were updated in 2017 and the North Lawn system will be completely updated by August 1st of 2021. Teachers are equipped with cleaning supplies for classrooms to help assist the custodial staff in the constant cleaning of all surfaces.

**(E) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.**

An additional school nurse was hired to assist with contract tracing and assisting with the overall health and safety of the students and staff. They will continue to work with the Wilson County Health Department to track quarantines throughout the schools.

**(F) Diagnostic and screening testing.**

USD 461 Neodesha Schools work with our parents to send students to the local Wilson County Hospital or Wilson County Health Department when students need to be screened for COVID-19 symptoms. School Nurses have been notified of the new CDC & KDHE Grant that was shared by KSDE to provide resources for COVID testing so our students and staff can remain safely in school throughout the coming year.

**(G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.**

Vaccinations have been made available to all certified and classified staff, substitutes, and Board of Education Members who work within our school district.

Vaccinations have been made available to all students who are of age at this time.

**(H) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.**

USD 461 Neodesha Schools, along with our Tri-County Cooperative, will continue to make appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities in all aspects including health and safety concerns according to the Individual Education Plan or 504 needs of the student.

**(I) Coordination with State and local health officials.**

USD 461 Neodesha Schools will continue to coordinate with State and local health officials to keep our students, staff, and community safe. The Superintendent of Schools and school nurses

attend monthly zoom sessions with our local Wilson County Health Department. The Superintendent of Schools attends Zoom sessions regularly with KSDE and KASB to keep up to date with CDC guidelines and COVID updates.

**Part II.**

*Describe how the district will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to:*

**(A) services to address students' academic needs**

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| <p><b>Long-term substitute for the District</b><br/>           (15) Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services in local educational agencies and continuing to employ existing staff of the LEA.</p>              |
| <p><b>Additional Pre-K Teacher for 3-Year-Old Classroom</b><br/>           (4) Activities to address the unique needs of low-income children.</p>  |
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| <p><b>Full time counselor/social worker at North Lawn to address social/emotional needs</b><br/>           (10) Providing mental health services and supports.</p>   |
| <p><b>Technology Upgrades for Chromebooks</b><br/>           (9) Purchasing educational technology for students served.</p>  |
| <p><b>Additional Tech position for Heller and North Lawn</b><br/>           (15) Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services in local educational agencies and continuing to employ existing staff of the LEA.</p> |
| <p><b>Social Emotional Materials/Curriculum</b><br/>           (10) Mental Health Services and Support.</p>  |
| <p><b>MS/HS Summer Credit Recovery</b><br/>           (11) Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and supplemental after school programs.</p>   |
| <p><b>Greenbush Specialist in Literacy and Instruction-PD &amp; Training-Janet Rehmert</b><br/>           (4) Address needs of special populations.</p>  |
| <p><b>Community in Schools – Miranda Carpenter</b><br/>           (10) Mental Health services &amp; Supports.</p>  |
| <p><b>Stage for Outdoor Graduation</b><br/>           (5) Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of local educational agencies.</p>   |
| <p><b>Outdoor Classroom Materials</b><br/>           (5) Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the</p>   |

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| preparedness and response efforts of local educational agencies.   |
| <b>Greenbush EDTECH Academy Services</b><br>(8) Planning and implementing activities for remote learning.  |
| <b>Greenbush School Improvement Services Basic Level</b><br>(8) Planning and implementing activities for remote learning.  |
| <b>Greenbush Crisis Prevention &amp; Response Services Standard Level</b><br>(10) Mental Health services & Supports.   |
| <b>Greenbush Environmental Compliance Consortium</b><br>(10) Mental Health Services and Support.   |
| <b>Greenbush Student Enrichment Services Standard</b><br>(8) Planning & implementing activities for remote learning.   |
| <b>Premium Pay for 160 staff (\$500)</b><br>(15) Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services in local educational agencies and continuing to employ existing staff of the LEA. |

**(B) students' and staff social, emotional, mental health**

Professional Development has been ongoing for USD 461 Neodesha Schools. USD 461 Neodesha Schools is in the third year of being a part of the KSDE Mental Health Intervention Grant which partners with Four County Mental Health where onsite services are provided in each building for our students. We have continued to add school counselors or social workers to our district so there is one per building. Community in Schools was brought into the district 2020 to help tie our schools and community resources together for the needs of our parents, students and staff. February 20, 2020, we provided Youth Mental health First Aid Training for 30 participants which included students, staff, and community members. USD 461 Neodesha Schools will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Good to Great Professional Development Session in 2022 where our focus has been on Social/Emotional and Mental Health of students and staff in our community. In the past we have hosted Keeth Matheny and Jim Sporleder.

**(C) other needs, which may include student health and food services.**

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| <b>Additional school nurse position at Heller and NL</b><br>(5) Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of local educational agencies.                         |
| <b>Additional lunch person at NHS</b><br>(15) Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of an continuity of services in local educational agencies and continuing to employ existing staff of the LEA. |
| <b>Additional bus driver</b><br>(15) Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of  |

services in local educational agencies and continuing to employ existing staff of the LEA.

**Additional custodian**

(15) Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services in local educational agencies and continuing to employ existing staff of the LEA.

**Cleaning Supplies & PPE Equipment**

(7) Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities of a local educational agency, including buildings operated by such agency.

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