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Memorandum Item 8b

FOR: School Board Members
FROM: Chris Reitan
DATE: August 25, 2021
SUBJECT: CCSD ARPA 2021-2022 Mitigation and Prevention Plan

The CCSD Board has developed a CCSD Board Mitigation Advisory Committee to develop recommendations for the Board's consideration for the development of CCSD's ARPA Mitigation and Prevention Strategies. The CCSD Board Mitigation Advisory Committee is comprised of members from the different CCSD stakeholder groups:

- 1 Certified Teacher – Deanna Claus
- 1 Classified Hourly Staff Member – Anna Boshka
- 2 Parents – Kristi Kuhnert and Trish Conatser
- 1 CCSD Administrator – Chris Reitan
- 1 CCSD Athletic Director – Chuck Hanson
- 1 Prince of Wales Medical Provider – Jessica Priddy
- 1 Board Member – Marla Dillman

The Committee met on Thursday, June 10, 201 to review the stakeholder survey data, review the current CCSD Smart Start to School Guidelines, review the guidelines with the American Rescue Plan Act Mitigation Template, and develop a Mitigation and Prevent Strategy following DEED's ARPA guidelines. The Committee met again on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 to consider updates to the CCSD's ARPA Mitigation and Prevention Plan in preparation for the start of the 2021-2022 school year. Additional language the Committee is recommending is noted by **Bold Green** and deletions are noted by ~~Red Strikethrough~~.

The one component of the CCSD ARPA Mitigation and Prevention Plan that the Committee could not come to consensus on is the District's mask policies. Two Committee members volunteered to draft mask policy language for the Board's consideration that are noted below as potential amendments.

Suggested Motion: Move to approve the CCSD ARPA 2021-2022 Mitigation and Prevention Plan as presented.

Mask Policy Amendments for the Board's consideration for Section 1 Masks and Section 2 Physical Distancing:

Option 1

1. ~~Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) masks are required by staff and students when working directly with each other and six-foot social distancing cannot be maintained.~~
2. ~~Masks will be required in the Craig Middle School and Craig High School during passing periods and when students are accessing lockers.~~

- ~~3. Masks will be required in the Craig Elementary School hallways when students arrive at school in the morning and are exiting the building after school.~~

CCSD will follow a layered approach to mitigation, with mask policies dependent on local conditions.

Per CDC [Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html) (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>), Updated Aug. 5, 2021

- Due to the circulating and highly contagious Delta variant, CDC recommends universal indoor masking by all students (age 2 and older), staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.
- In addition to universal indoor masking, CDC recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms to reduce transmission risk. When it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least 3 feet, such as when schools cannot fully re-open while maintaining these distances, it is especially important to layer multiple other prevention strategies, such as screening testing.
(see #2 Physical Distancing for information about 3 feet and 6 feet distances)

If the alert level on Prince of Wales Island is “high” (red) or “substantial” (orange), all students, teachers, staff, and visitors will practice universal indoor masking.

If the alert level on Prince of Wales Island is “moderate” (yellow) or “low” (blue), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) masks are required by staff and students when working directly with each other and physical distancing cannot be maintained. Masks will be required in the Craig Middle School and Craig High School during passing periods and when students are accessing lockers. Masks will be required in the Craig Elementary School hallways when students arrive at school in the morning and are exiting the building after school.

The alert level will be determined by Craig Public Health. It will reflect cases over the previous 7 days on Prince of Wales Island, and will use the same methodology as Alaska DHSS uses to designate alert levels for each region in the state.

For all alert levels, visitors and volunteers will be permitted upon approval, on a case-by-case basis, when the use of volunteers is essential for the safety and supervision of students (i.e. outdoor field trips). All visitors and volunteers will be temperature screened and are required to wear masks when working directly with staff and students and 6 feet social distancing cannot be maintained.

Field trip/activity locations are allowed if the activity is outside and students with staff can either walk to the location with appropriate social distancing, or if using district vehicles students will be required to wear masks when appropriate social distancing cannot be adhered to.

Option 2

- ~~1. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) masks are required by staff and students when working directly with each other and six feet social distancing cannot be maintained.~~
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CCSD Strongly Recommends Following CDC Guidance; However Respects Mask Choice.

In consultation with state and local public health representatives, CCSD strongly recommends that students, staff, and all school visitors follow the CDC guidance of universal indoor masking in all school facilities during school hours. However, CCSD also recognizes individual and parent/guardian choice with regard to masking. CCSD will encourage staff, students, and all school visitors follow the suggested CDC guidelines, but will respect individual rights and decisions regarding “mask choice.”

Mask Choice does not apply in the following circumstances:

- **Mandated mask wearing as directed by Public Health Representatives.**
- **CCSD mitigation plans for athletics or special events/activities requiring mask wearing.**

To allow for transparency, CCSD highly recommends “mask choice” be carefully considered given the current Public Health “Close Contact Tracing Process” as detailed on page # of the CCSD ARPA Mitigation and Prevention Plan