

Return-to-learn Reopening Plan

Background:

The Iowa Department of Education (DE) required all school districts to create a *Return-to-learn* plan and submit it to the DE by July 1. However, this plan was mostly philosophical. It asked for districts to theorize

- How they intend to hold team meetings,
- How they will use a Continuous Improvement Process,
- How they intend to communicate with stakeholders, and
- How they will assess their infrastructure needs.

The plan took a great deal of time but the product offered little in how any district is actually going to operate under the conditions of this pandemic emergency.

The Reopening Plan:

Since July 1, we have striven to assemble a pragmatic and functional Return-to-learn Reopening Plan that explains the details of how we will operate our school while COVID-19 is part of our educational world. The plan is ready for board approval and appears on subsequent pages.

Preparation for Possible Contingencies:

I envision five potential scenarios for classes throughout the coming school year. I describe them in the box below.

Health Condition:

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| HealthCon 5: | This is our normal state of readiness. |
| HealthCon 4: | All students attend. We take the precautions we take during an influenza outbreak with social distancing maximized with the use masks. |
| HealthCon 3: | We operate with a hybrid model with some students attending and others remaining home and participating through remote learning. |
| HealthCon 2: | Students remain home; teachers come to school daily. Classes continue through remote learning. |
| HealthCon 1: | All classes are cancelled. School is made up at a later date. |

Recommended Action:

I recommend the board move to approve the Return-to-learn Reopening Plan, recognizing the plan will be subject to revision as new knowledge is gained and conditions change.