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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]Re: CCSD Mitigation Committee Meeting
Scheduled for Tonight at 6:30pm
Date: September 8, 2021 at 2:23:46 PM AKDT
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Also, the US Dept. of Education COVID-19 Handbook, Volume 1:
Strategies for Safely Reopening Elementary and Secondary
Schools states:

Transportation Considerations:

CDC issued an order requiring wearing masks on all public conveyances, including on school buses. Accordingly, regardless of the mask policy at school, passengers and drivers must wear a mask on school buses, including on buses operated by public and private school systems, regardless of vaccination status, subject to the exclusions and exemptions in CDC's order.¹

1. U.S. Department of Education, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development, ED COVID-19 Handbook, Volume 1: Strategies for Safely Reopening Elementary and Secondary Schools, Washington, DC, 2021. <https://www2.ed.gov/documents/coronavirus/reopening.pdf>

2. **ED COVID-19 HANDBOOK**<sup>[L]
[SEP]</sup> 1 Introduction President Biden committed the necessary resources to support the safe reopening and continued operation of schools in Executive Order 14000, Supporting the Reopening and Continuing Operation of Schools. Childhood Education Providers, every student in America deserves a high-quality educational environment.<sup>[L]
[SEP]</sup> www2.ed.gov<sup>[L]
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3.

I'm not really sure how CCSD can get around this one if the US Dept of Transportation and the US Dept of Education both say masking is required.

Is the problem that the drivers don't want to mask or enforce masking? I guess I didn't know what the staff shortage was from and I'll wait and learn more about the current situation this evening. See you all then.

Jessica

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All,

In our ever-changing world of guidance and directives, here is one from the future (not yet active):

This is the security directive from the Transportation Security Administration that will take effect next week and be enforced by the Department of Transportation, it notes that:

*The requirements in this SD do not preempt any State, local, Tribal, or territorial rule, regulation, order, or standard necessary to eliminate or reduce a local safety hazard, which includes public health measures that **are the same or more protective of public health than those required in this SD, if that provision is not incompatible with this SD.***

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From: Kristi Kuhnert <kristikuhnert@gmail.com>
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Thank you Chris. I also received the following information from a community member that asked that the committee have for tonight's meeting:

Currently, the State of Alaska does not mandate mask wearing on school buses; masks are not required for students nor for drivers/aides. At this point, DEED recommends that the district follow the School Board/City COVID mitigation policies.

Here is a link to the CDC's Strategies for Protecting K-12 School Staff from COVID-19, specifically pertaining to school bus drivers and bus aides: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-child-care/k-12-staff.html#school-bus-drivers>

Here is the CDC bullet point regarding masks for drivers and aides:
"Encourage using [masks](#). However, masks should not be worn by drivers and aides if their use creates a new risk (e.g., interference with driving or vision, contribution to [heat-related illness](#)) that exceeds their COVID-19 related benefits of slowing the spread of the virus

On Wed, Sep 8, 2021 at 6:05 AM Chris Reitan <creitan@craigschools.com> wrote:
Kristi,

We can definitely discuss this item.

Attached is the order from January 29, 2021.

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On Sep 8, 2021, at 5:55 AM, Kristi Kuhnert <kristikuhnert@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you Chris. I hope the bus situation is a topic for discussion this evening. As a parent who lives on Saint Nick it is difficult to now have to pick kids up everyday. However, I am lucky that I can arrange my schedule to make that happen. Many parents are not that lucky. If possible can you send out to us the federal and/or state mandates for school bus drivers? I'm just curious if there are differences for private vs public owned transportation. I'm not advocating one way or another for masks, I would like to just see if we can propose a solution to the board to get our bus service back up and running.

On Wed, Sep 8, 2021 at 5:44 AM Chris Reitan
<creitan@craigschools.com> wrote:
Good morning,

We are scheduled for our next CCSD Mitigation Committee meeting tonight at 6:30pm.

Attached are three documents for your review.

1. The updated Public Notice for the meeting indicating our September 8, 2021 meeting. The meeting will be held in the CES Library and can also be accessed <https://craigschools.zoom.us/j/7289917333?pwd=WkNaWGd4S1lPV0JlWEJlTmx3VXd0Zz09>
2. The CCSD 2021-2022 Mitigation and Prevention Plan Board adopted on August 25, 2021.
3. A draft CCSD 2021-2022 Mitigation and Prevention Plan with proposed

language additions in **bold green** and language deletions in ~~red-strikethrough~~.

- The draft plan includes recommended language adjustments to ensure the entire plan is aligned especially in regards to masking policies.
- The draft plan proposes modifications to our Quarantine policy on page 8. Our current quarantine protocols are difficult to manage because students can return to school “early” from their quarantine however they must wear a mask by Public Health recommendation. Since the plan specifically states that district employees can not discuss masking with students, staff, and parents once they have made their preference known, the district is in a difficult place to address this issue.
- The Committee should also discuss the district's facility use agreements with public entities who have utilized our buildings in the past for community events or activities. Last year facility use agreements were not allowed. If this is something the committee would like to recommend to the school board I'd recommend language similar to the language in the plan to host and travel to sports events (page 9), namely a mitigation plan would need to be approved by the principal, athletic director, and superintendent.

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