

**Office of the Superintendent
Bloomington School District 13**

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TO: Board of Education
Bloomington School District 13

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SUBJECT: Executive Summary of the Return to Learn Adaptive Plan

Introduction

The District, like others in Illinois, has to prepare for the opening of formal learning in the current environment of COVID-19. Partnering with teachers, staff, administration and the community allows for multiple voices to be heard and perspectives shared. Guidance from national, State, and local agencies along with sample plans from other school districts were gathered and shared in consideration of inclusion in the District's Return to Learn Adaptive Plan.

Executive Summary

The presentation will highlight the parallels in the adaptive plan to the Restore Illinois Plan put forth and enforced by the Office of the Governor. District 13 has a plan that can readily be deployed for each phase of restoration identified in the State plan. The rationale for this decision is based on the use of relevant health data and guidelines established by several health agencies to permit the safest delivery of instruction during the pandemic.

The plan is rooted in the belief that the safety of students and staff needs to be considered first, above all other considerations. The need to engage in student's academic recovery after six months without in person instruction and to move learning forward from this point must be supported. The final piece, as a CHARACTER COUNTS community, providing programs and mechanisms for the ongoing social and emotional support of student and staff members is also essential.

The plan will provide choices for both parents and staff members due to the unique circumstances of providing educational services during a pandemic.

Opportunities for questions and discussion from the Board will follow the presentation.