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School Board Meeting Agenda Item

Topic: Return to School (Updated)
 Contact(s):
 Presenter(s): Karsten Anderson, Superintendent

Nature of Action Requested by Board

Board action
 Board information or scheduled report

Background Information

COVID Data

The posted COVID Data Sheet shows data as of Monday, May 24th.

Safe Learning Plan for 2021-22 / ESSER III Funding Application

In May, Red Wing was allocated \$2.1 million in ESSER III funding. The application for the funding requires several steps related to public input. Major steps along with tentative timelines include:

Posting of Safe Learning Plan and Public Comments	
Posting of Safe Learning Plan on website	June 7 th
Deadline for submitting public comments about Safe Learning Plan	June 13 th
Posting of public comments about Safe Learning Plan	June 19 th
Engagement of Students, Families, and Staff	
Meetings with community partners to identify needs	Mid-July
District administration will develop spending plan	July-August
Plan will be reviewed by District Advisory Committee; District Curriculum, Instruction, and Staff Development Committee; Equity Team; and School Board	August-September
Plan will be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education	By October 1 st

Prevention Guidance for Summer School and Face Coverings

During the workshop on May 24th, there was discussion about Policy 808: Face Coverings. Several perspectives were shared about the process for making decisions about face masks for this summer. One path included the COVID team recommending policy changes to the Legislative and Policy Committee meeting on June 21st with consideration by the board on June 21st or June 28th. There was also a suggestion about keeping the topic on the agenda for the meeting on June 7th because the state may provide additional guidance before that date. This is consistent with the Agenda Committee's discussion on June 1st.

On May 27th, the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) issued COVID-19 Prevention Guidance for Summer School in association with an executive summary. These documents are attached as extras for the meeting. Two key factors to consider:

1. The executive summary states, "all people are required by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) order to wear face coverings on all public transportation conveyances (airports, public buses, etc.), including school buses."
2. Under the section entitled "Face Coverings," the executive summary states, "it is strongly recommended that all people present in school buildings and district offices wear a face covering."

Recommendation:

I move to:

- (1) revoke Policy 808 (Face Coverings) immediately;
- (2) require students and adults involved with Summer Blast to wear face coverings if students and adults involved with Kids Junction are required by the State to wear them;
- (3) require students and adults involved with preschool to wear face coverings if required by the State;
- (4) require students and adults to wear face coverings in school vehicles if required by the State; and
- (5) encourage other unvaccinated people to continue wearing masks while on school grounds or involved with a school activity during summer, 2021.

In-Person Board Meetings

The school board has been conducting hybrid board and committee meetings, but there has been discussion about when to return to in-person-only meetings.

Recommendation:

I move to conduct all board and committee meetings as in-person-only meetings effective June 21, 2021.