Randall Consolidated School ESSER IIII Plan Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan



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Introduction

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plans (ARP) Act was signed into law. In it, the U.S. Department of Education is providing an additional \$121.9 billion for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III Fund). This legislation will award grants to state educational agencies (SEAs) for providing local educational agencies (LEAs) with emergency relief funds to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools across the nation.

Wisconsin will receive \$1,540,784,854 in ESSER III funds from the Act, with 90 percent being awarded to school districts with amounts determined in proportion to the amount of Title I, Part A funds they received in summer 2020 from funds under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The remaining funds will be used for state-level activities to address issues caused by COVID-19.

This plan describes how the Randall Consolidated School is providing a safe and effective in-person instruction and continuity of services for all.

Maintaining Health and Safety

Overview

A district's plan must include how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other school and LEA staff, and the extent to which it has adopted policies or practices and a description of any such policies or practices on each of the CDC's safety recommendations including the universal and correct wearing of masks; modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding); hand washing and respiratory etiquette; cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation; contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the state, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments; diagnostic and screening testing; efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible; appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies or practices; and coordination with state and local health officials.

Since May 2020, Randall Consolidated has shared that the district planned for an in-person experience for the 2021-2022 school year. As always, Randall Consolidated's top priority is to provide a safe learning environment for all students and all staff. For the duration of the 2020-2021 school year the district tracked data to monitor. In October of 2020 the district switched from a five day a week in-person model to 4 days a week in-person, with each Wednesday being a virtual learning day for all students. During the 2020-2021 school year all students and staff were required to wear face coverings while in the school building as well as

on all district provided transportation.

For all families and staff Randall published and communicated check-lists that encouraged students and staff to pre-screen each day prior to coming to school and/or work. Additionally, Randall encouraged students and staff to stay home if exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or positive test results for COVID-19. Hand Sanitizing stations and resources were placed throughout the building and non-essential visitors were limited. As needed the plan can be made available in other languages or accessible formats upon request.

Description on maintaining the safety of staff and students

Randall Consolidated's FAQ document can be found on the district's website. This document provides information on the measures and operations that Randall has taken throughout the pandemic.

All areas continue to be monitored for the 2023-2024 school year.

In-Person Instruction for All Students

During the 2021-2022 school year, Randall Consolidated will provide a five-day per week, face to face instructional model. Information related to various health protocols can be found in the district's FAQ document as well as needed updates in our bi-weekly community message (also available on our website).

Maintaining Safe & Healthy Learning Environments

Randall Consolidated is committed to maintaining safe and healthy learning environments for all students and staff. Our district's FAQ provides families, staff, and the community with various COVID-19 resources and protocols. Additionally, Randall Consolidated employees a full-time nurse that is available for student, parent, and staff support.

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Description to continue to provide services regardless of the mode of instruction (for example, health and food services if the LEA must pivot to virtual or hybrid instruction)

2023-2024

Randall Consolidated will offer in-person learning five days a week. In the event of school closure Randall Consolidated will offer meals to families that are approved for free food services. If a closure were to occur due to a pandemic situation, Randall has the ability to take a short pause and shift to

virtual for all students.

For in person we have also offered an alternative learning experience for students in grades 6-8. Our calendar is also focused on intentional adult learning (pd days) for intentional student learning.

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2021-2022

Randall Consolidated will offer in-person learning five days a week. In the event of school closure due to the pandemic, the district has the ability to move to an all student virtual learning option. If Randall Consolidated is closed due to the pandemic, the district will assess and communicate the ability to distribute meals under the community provision as long as USDA continues the allowance.

Mitigation Measures

Universal and correct wearing of masks

Description of Policies or Practices, if applicable

2023-2024

An updated, but modified, health FAQ has been provided to our greater school community via our website. Randall will continue to monitor illnesses of students and staff and respond appropriately.

2022-2023

An updated health FAQ has been provided to our greater school community. Randall will continue to monitor illnesses of students and staff and respond appropriately.

Randall continues to communicate health steps that families can take when an illness occurs at home.

2021-2022

Face coverings are encouraged but not required for staff, students, and visitors at Randall Consolidate.

Please not the following:

- CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to schools, regardless of vaccination status. Children should return to full-time in-person learning in the fall with layered prevention strategies in place.
- Federal law continues to require face coverings on school buses. Therefore, students will need to wear face coverings on the school bus. The CDC Order was issued on January 29, 2021.

Staff will continue to communicate school-wide behavioral expectations with students to clarify the importance of treating each other with respect, regardless of the wearing or not wearing of a face covering. Randall's Board policy, along with student/parent handbooks, guide a progressive disciplinary approach should any student

create a situation around another student's decision to wear or not wear a face covering.

Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (for example, the use of cohorts and podding)

Description of Policies or Practices, if applicable

- Prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year, instructional areas throughout the school were evaluated for physical distancing measures. Additional instructional areas, cafeteria, and communal instructional spaces were identified and used (as applicable), desks were spaced, and outdoor spaces were used weather permitting.
- Randall School during the 2021-2022 school year saw many physical distance measures maintained despite federal and state guidance reducing physical distancing for school environments.
- Elementary students continued to stay primarily within the classroom cohort.

Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

Description of Policies or Practices, if applicable

2023-2024

Continue practices from the previous year.

2022-2023

Continue practices from the previous year.

2021-2022

- Hand sanitizing stations are available in all student and staff rooms. Dispensers are antimicrobial and will be updated throughout the year.
- Hand wash/hand sanitizing areas are available to all students upon entering and/or exiting all student accessible areas.
- Additional times are available at intervals determined by the teacher or educator.

Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation

Description of Policies or Practices, if applicable

2023-2024

Randall Consolidated has the same access and availability as in 2022-2023. Additionally, air purifiers have been purchased and approx \$7,000,000.00 of a capital referendum is to improve infrastructure including ventilation.

2022-2023

Randall Consolidated has the same access and availability as in 2021-2022.

2021-2022

Surface transmission of COVID-19 is not a significant means of transmission. However, Randall Consolidated performs the following mitigation measures:

- Custodial staff has access to the following: Purtabs, clorox bleach, Lysol products, and three different types of sanitizers (Terminator, DZ-7, and Lemon Quat).
- Custodial staff sanitizes surfaces (daily) using microfiber cleaning, at the conclusion of the school day.
- If an infection is identified, Randall has the means to rapidly disinfect a space or space(s).
- Middle school students are permitted to assist in cleaning desk tops or supplies.
- Elementary students are permitted to clean up after themselves as past practices have allowed.

Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments

Description of Policies or Practices, if applicable (2021-2022, Continue 2022-2023)

- Randall's school nurse (in partnership w/attendance secretary) have created an internal system for notifying students, parents/guardians/, staff and for being notified of illness, test results, quarantine, and vaccine status. For instance, once notified, Randall Consolidated:
 - Provides a message with guidance from school administration.
 - Communication with staff as necessary to support students
 - Codes attendance and adjust coding to ensure those in isolation or quarantine do not attend and absences are excused
 - Contract tracing and communication when possible and applicable.
- Randall communicates with the Kenosha Health Department regarding County identified
 COVID cases or quarantines.
- Randall receives regular communication from the Kenosha Health Department and the Wisconsin Department of Instruction on updates.
- Randall has allocated all staff 10 additional sick days that can be used for COVID, or the care of a minor with COVID, or individual extenuating circumstances.

Diagnostic and screening testing

Description of Policies or Practices, if applicable

2022-2023

- Randall has limited testing for students and staff.

2022-2023

- Randall will provide free at home testing upon request to staff. Tests have been handed out as needed or requested.

2021-2022

- Randall provides testing for ALL staff.
- Randall provides communication to students, parents, and staff around County communicated diagnostics and screening.

Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible

Description of Policies or Practices, if applicable

2022-2023

- Staff has access to insurance which can provide vaccinations for staff and resources available for students if requested.

2022-2023

- Randall will provide free at home testing upon request to staff.
- Randall communicates suggested vaccinations as outlined by health organizations.

2021-2022

- Randall partnered with the Kenosha County Health Department to provide the opportunity for vaccination and/or boosters for all Randall employees in 2021
 - An onsite clinic was provided in December of 2021
- Randall during consistently has shared information for families and students to have access to vaccinations, testing, and wellness as shared from our local health department

Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies and practices

Description of Policies or Practices, if applicable

2021-2022...continued 2022-2023....continued for 2023-2024

- Randall Student Services has provided each student with chronic health conditions the opportunity to develop a wellness/individual plan that met their needs while continuing to provide necessary instruction.

Coordination with state and local health officials

<u>Description of Policies or Practices</u>, if applicable

- Randall meets regularly for Wisconsin Department of Instruction supported health updates
- Randall has participated in meetings (when they happen) with the Kenosha County Health Department
 - Randall meets weekly with local district administrators to review updates and KCHD updates

Continuity of Services

Overview

Districts must describe how the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services.

District response on continuity of services

Example response: The District will provide for continuity of services as follows:

Student Academic Needs

- Randall has requested and been granted an early school year start for the second year to allow flexibility in scheduling to meet academic needs.

Student Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs

- Randall employs a full-time social worker, guidance counselor, and school psychologist.

Other Student Needs (which may include student health and food services)

- Administration and teachers collaborative with parents/guardians of students with health conditions is done frequently to adjust health plans in response to COVID.

Staff Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs

Randall has begun the process of a building wide wellness team to support the needs of all staff

Other Staff Needs

Periodic Review

Overview

Districts are required to review and, as appropriate, revise their Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan at least every six months through September 30, 2023, including seeking public input and taking such input into account in determining whether to revise the plan and, if revisions are determined necessary, on the revisions it makes to its plan.

District response on ensuring periodic updates to its plan

- Randall administration and the school nurse meet at a minimum bi-weekly to review, revise (as needed) the plan for the safe return to in-person as well as continued in-person instruction.
- The plan is reviewed and shared with the BOE as a minimum every six months
 - The Randall BOE is given at least official bi-monthly updates
 - The Randall BOE is updated weekly as needed
 - The Randall community is updated at a minimum every six months
 - The Randall community is updated bi-weekly through school wide communication as needed

Public Input

Overview

The ARP Act requires that school districts make their Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan available to the public online and that the plans be in an understandable and uniform format; to the extent practicable, are written in a language that parents can understand or, if not practicable, orally translated; and upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability, provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent. Before making its plan publicly available, school districts must seek public comment on the plan and develop the plan after taking into account public comment.

District response on public input in the development of its plan

Randall Consolidated has taken the following steps to make its plan available to the public:

• The health FAQ for 2023-2024 has been shared with our school community via our <u>website</u>.

Below are past steps.

- The plan is posted at https://www.randall.k12.wi.us/
- The plan has been shared in our bi-weekly communications to our school community
- The plan was sent to employees via our messaging systems.
- Upon request, a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA may be provided with the plan in an alternative format accessible by contacting our district office.
- On October 19, 2021 Randall Administration held a community forum prior to our October BOE meeting.