

## McClusky Public Schools District 19

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Health and Safety Smart Restart and Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

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The McClusky Public School District and School Board would like to thank all parents, students, faculty, staff and the area community members for their tremendous support for our school system these past sixteen months. The pandemic brought new challenges that were met with positive responses and a structured plan. The 2020-2021 school year was the “new normal” with some student’s distance learning, some during quarantine, but most of our students were in the face to face mode in our two school buildings. Social distancing and masks were the normal throughout the school year until the state allowed masks to become optional. Some of our staff and students continued to wear masks until the end of the school year, especially in the elementary grades.

The 2021-2022 school year looks to follow the same guidelines and directives as provided by the state, DPI, First District Health, the ND Department of Health, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Formal review will take place every six months, but adjustments to this plan will not wait until the next scheduled date in December 2021. With the potential of increased cases this summer, and/or a new strand of the virus bringing new challenges, August decisions will be communicated to parents and students, staff and the community so that the safest and healthiest environment will be provided to our students and staff.

The school board has established a committee to review and update this plan and necessary. Faculty, staff, parents, and students are included on this committee. Community members are also invited to participate and should contact the school if interested. This revised plan may not address every question you have, but know that this plan is a working document and your questions and input is valued and respected. Please contact the school administration with your questions, comments, and concerns.

Thank you for reviewing this revised document. The original Smart Restart Plan will continue to be posted on the school’s website for your information. The McClusky Public Schools will continue to provide a positive quality education to our children in the safest and healthiest manner possible. We are proud to serve the constituents of the McClusky School District.

Respectfully,

Roberta Hunt, School Board President   Kara Munro, Superintendent & Elementary Principal

Sarah Beck, Secondary Principal.

### Assumptions and Assurances:

Every student should have the opportunity to engage in learning even during a serious health crisis.

The school plays a vital role in providing a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff, focusing on all aspects of health: physical, mental and emotional.

By working together with faculty and staff, health care professionals, parent's students, school board and community members, we can positively face the many challenges that a pandemic or any other type of crisis may cause.

Our school district will make decisions based on the most current guidance from local, state, and national health care officials, including and starting with our First District Health Unit, local health clinic, ND Department of Health, and the Center of Disease Control and Prevention.

The McClusky School Board, Administration, Staff and Response Teams will ensure our plan meets the needs of our students, staff, and community.

### Mission Statement:

Empower all students to think critically given the knowledge, skills, motivation, and respectful attitudes necessary to meet the challenges of a changing world.

### Covid-19 Response Team/Building Level Coordinators/Phases

Representation of school staff and administration, parents, health officials, community members, and students will be active members of the Response Team. The School Administrative Team will be building level coordinators. An up to date list is available in the McClusky School main office.

The school will follow the risk level associated with Covid-19 using the color coded guidance provided by the state, usually by the Governor's office in consultation with the ND Department of Health. The NDDOH and local public health units, along with ND DPI will provide updated information to local districts. Each individual school district may choose to implement more stringent health and safety protocols than those provided by the state to provide the highest level of safety for their students and staff as recommended by the Response Team and approved by the school board.

### Instructional Models:

The McClusky Public Schools will continue to use the various models of instruction as decided by the Response Team and approved by the school board to include:

1. Traditional in-person learning.
2. Flexible Learning- Short Term Hybrid (Rotating in person and distance learning)
3. Flexible Learning- Long Term (Distance learning – online education or packet, parents' choice)

### Health and Safety Guidance and Communication

Resources are available online as spelled out in the McClusky School District's original Smart Restart Plan.

Communication is a key to successfully combating the Covid-19 pandemic. The school pledges to communicate with all participating entities through PowerSchool Alerts, phone calls, voicemails,

texts, e-mails; through updates on the school's website and social media pages; the monthly newsletter, individual e-mails, phone calls, and through digital platforms used by the district such as Microsoft Teams.

Any questions on definitions and safety protocols can be addressed on our website. Handouts will be provided when necessary, sent home with the students and will be available at the school office and online.

Standard procedures that were used at the end of the 2020-2021 school year will be reviewed with the staff and students as part of the back to school in-service and school orientation sessions. This includes: starting the school day, breakfast in both buildings, lunch procedures at both schools, visitors, and deliveries. Signs will be posted at every entrance stating the current procedures. Materials will be available to parents and guardians to be used as necessary. Samples were available with the first Health and Safety Smart Restart Plan and will be revised and used as part of the back to school night in the fall of 2021. Every family will receive copies of those handouts regarding sports and activities, daily health checks by parents and teachers, protecting yourself and others, identifying students and staff at high risk, protocols when a student or staff member becomes sick at school, returning to school, and grade level and/or building closure.

The 2022-2021 school year was successful because of the cooperation of our students, families, faculty and staff. We are even more confident as we move into the 2021-2022 school year. We thank you in advance for your cooperation. With new administration and new staff members, the back to school orientation and in-service will be quite extensive. Everyone needs to be on the same page when addressing the health and safety of our students and staff. Opportunities for public comments and involvement will continue to be available for our parents and community members through special programs, regular school board meetings, and through requested meetings with faculty and administration. Please stay involved in your local school district.