**District Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services**

**PART I.**

***Describe how the district will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC:***

1. **Universal and correct wearing of masks.**

**USD 399 has opted out of wearing masks for students, educators, and staff members. However, anyone is welcome to wear a mask if they choose to do so.**

1. **Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (*e.g.,* use of cohorts/podding).**

**We will continue to allow for physical distancing, if at all possible, Our class sizes are small enough that physical distancing is possible in the classrooms and in the hallways.**

1. **Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.**

**We will continue to encourage good handwashing practices as well as offer hand sanitizer stations in each classroom and at the building entrances.**

1. **Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.**

**We will continue with the daily sanitizing of classrooms by our staff as well as encourage teachers to sanitize their individual classrooms. At the elementary level, teachers will provide individual items for each student so sharing will be kept at a minimum.**

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

**We will continue to follow contract tracing and isolation and quarantine guidelines set forth by the CDC.**

1. **Diagnostic and screening testing.**

**We will continue to offer on-site testing at both of our buildings for those choosing to be tested. Testing is also available at all three of our county health departments.**

1. **Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.**

**Our county health departments will continue to offer vaccinations to our students and staff as needed.**

1. **Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.**

**We will provide all necessary accommodations for any children with disabilities.**

1. **Coordination with State and local health officials.**

**We will continue to coordinate with all three of our county health officials to ensure we are following all guidelines.**

**Part II.**

***Describe how the district will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to:***

* 1. **services to address students' academic needs.**

**We will continue to offer our students face-to-face instruction unless students are quarantined at which time virtual real-time instruction will be available for them.**

* 1. **students' and staff social, emotional, mental health**

**We will continue to monitor the social, emotional, and mental health needs of our students and staff and take any action necessary to ensure their needs are met.**

* 1. **other needs, which may include student health and food services.**

**We will continue to follow all guidelines for food service as well as provide our students with any services they may need.**