



## **Continuity of Services Plan 2023-2024**

**Under the interim final requirements, an LEA plan for safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services must describe how the LEA 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 prevention and mitigation strategies recommended by the CDC.**

Gull Lake Community Schools (GLCS) will continue with full in-person learning with continuity of all services in August 2023 for all students in Grades Young 5s-12th grade. Gull Lake Virtual Partnership (GLVP) will also offer virtual learning options throughout the 2023-2024 school year. GLCS staff will adjust the teaching and learning delivery model as needed.

GLCS recognizes that vaccination can help schools safely maintain in-person learning, extracurricular activities, and sports. Kalamazoo County superintendents have been in close contact with the Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department to monitor community transmission, vaccination coverage, screening testing, and occurrence of outbreaks to guide decisions on the local level.

**The plan must also describe how an LEA will ensure continuity of services, which must address students' academic needs and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, and which may include student health and food services.**

Student learning remains a top priority as we continue to rebound learning from the interruptions caused by COVID-19 and learning loss. Goals for the 2023-2024 school year have been established, and data reviews will occur throughout the year. Kellogg, Richland, Ryan Intermediate, Gull Lake Middle School (GLMS), GLVP Goals will focus on NWEA Reading and Math Growth and Student Growth Percentile Data.

NWEA Measuring Academic Progress, reading and math screeners, and course proficiency data will be used to assess students' current levels of learning and identify areas of additional support. GLCS staff will collaboratively review student data and provide interventions and acceleration to support student growth in the classroom. Staff will partner with academic success coaches, reading and math lab teachers, intervention specialists, deans of students, counselors, and administration to ensure all students reach their fullest potential.

Gull Lake High School and Gateway Academy will continue to focus on attendance, behavior, and course proficiency data by trimester.

During the October 2023 Curriculum Committee meeting, student data was reviewed. Instructional impact in relation to District Strategic Plan, Curriculum Goals, and district school improvement implementation with Read, Write, Speak with Purpose. In November 2023, GLCS Curriculum Committee added extended summer school learning opportunities with the Michigan Department of Education 23g grant, allowing robust in-person and virtual learning offerings.

Social-emotional learning needs such as problem-solving, self-regulation, and impulse control are other areas that our teaching and support staff focus on to address the whole child's needs. GLCS is partnering with Integrated Services of Kalamazoo and Response Care Center to provide additional mental health services for students and families. Certified counselors and therapists are available to meet during the school day with students on-site at District buildings and off-site near central campus by appointment. All students have access to this service free of charge.

The GLCS Personnel Committee has reviewed additional personnel added with 11t funding. The Intervention Specialist, Dean of Students, and Counselor positions were reviewed based on the support they provide for the whole child and their needs.

GLCS staff have embedded activities that support the daily well-being of students and staff. The District health team annually develops and administers the staff wellness plan and promotes activities and messages supporting the mind and body. Sustained wellness coaching with Opportunity Thrive will continue. Other examples of support include consistent messages on the importance of proper nutrition and health care.