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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

DATE: November 23, 2021

FROM: Deborah Rumbaugh

RE: Memorandum of Agreement with the Snohomish Health District for the Washington State Department of Health “*Learn to Return Program*” (formerly “Test to Stay Program”)

TYPE: Action Required

At the October 5, 2021, regular board meeting, the board approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the Snohomish Health District for the “Test to Stay Program.”

While the following agreement is unchanged, the reference to this program for audit and accounting purposes is now “*Learn to Return Program*.” Therefore, the agreement is being placed on the November 23, 2021, Consent Agenda to formally note the reference “*Learn to Return Program*,” for audit and accounting purposes.

Island County Public Health is on board with this program as well and Island County Health Officer, Dr. Howard Leibrand, has added his signature to the Snohomish Health District agreement.

As stated in the October 5, 2021, board memo, the Stanwood-Camano School District has secured a grant through the Snohomish County Health District for (up to) 2 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff to support our efforts in reducing the spread of COVID in schools through the “*Learn to Return Program*.” The Washington State Department of Health has provided optional strategies for school districts to utilize in order to permit students with close contacts to remain in school. The “*Learn to Return Program*” allows close contacts to stay in school during their modified quarantine period.

RECOMMENDATION:

*That the Board approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the Snohomish Health District regarding the implementation of the Washington State Department of Health “**Learn to Return Program.**”*

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT
("SHD") AND STANWOOD CAMANO SCHOOL DISTRICT ("DISTRICT") REGARDING
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
"TEST TO STAY PROGRAM"

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has provided optional strategies for school districts to utilize in order to permit students with close contacts to remain in school; and

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WHEREAS, prior to adopting this program, the school district must receive approval from their local public health jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to formalize the terms under which SHD approval will be granted.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

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- COVID-19 Coordinator/Supervisor overseeing program: Mary Hoffman
- Contact information: mhoffman@stanwood.wednet.edu
- Phone: 360-502-6445
- Email: mhoffman@stanwood.wednet.edu

2. **Participation.** The District understand that in order to participate in DOH's Test to Stay Program it must:

- Collect consent and registration forms from parent/guardian of students.
- Inform participants that they must still quarantine outside of school and cannot participate in extracurricular activities, after-school activities or social gatherings until their modified quarantine period is complete, they remain symptomatic, and they have tested negative at least 5-7 days after last exposure.
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- Use the test specified by the District (e.g., rapid antigen, pooled viral test).
Please indicate testing type and expected cadence: Abbott BinaxNOW
We will test immediately upon designation as a close contact, then in the 5-7 day window.

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Signed this 3rd day of October, 2021.

Snohomish Health District

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