



ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan Guidance & Template

Section 2001(i)(1) of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires each local education agency (LEA) that receives funding under the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund to develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website a *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan*, hereinafter referred to as a *Health and Safety Plan*.

Based on ARP requirements, 90 percent of ARP ESSER funds will be distributed to school districts and charter schools based on their relative share of Title I-A funding in FY 2020-2021. **Given Federally required timelines, LEAs eligible to apply for and receive this portion of the ARP ESSER funding must submit a Health and Safety Plan that meets ARP Act requirements to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) by Friday, July 30, 2021, regardless of when the LEA submits its ARP ESSER application.**

Each LEA must create a Health and Safety Plan that addresses how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff, and which will serve as local guidelines for all instructional and non-instructional school activities during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. The Health and Safety Plan should be tailored to the unique needs of each LEA and its schools and must take into account public comment related to the development of, and subsequent revisions to, the Health and Safety Plan.

The ARP Act and U.S. Department of Education rules require Health and Safety plans include the following components:

1. How the LEA will, to the greatest extent practicable, implement prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning;
2. How the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services;
3. 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 policy on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC:

- a. Universal and correct wearing of masks;
- b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);
- c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;
- d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;
- e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with State and local health departments;
- f. Diagnostic and screening testing;
- g. Efforts to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to school communities;
- h. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and
- i. Coordination with state and local health officials.

The LEA's Health and Safety Plan must be approved by its governing body and posted on the LEA's publicly available website by July 30, 2021.* The ARP Act requires LEAs to post their Health and Safety Plans online in a language that parents/caregivers can understand, or, if it is not practicable to provide written translations to an individual with limited English proficiency, be orally translated. The plan also must be provided in an alternative format accessible, upon request, by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Each LEA will upload in the eGrants system its updated Health and Safety Plan and webpage URL where the plan is located on the LEA's publicly available website.

The ARP Act requires LEAs to review their Health and Safety Plans at least every six months during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. LEAs also must review and update their plans whenever there are significant changes to the CDC recommendations for K-12 schools. Like the development of the plan, all revisions must be informed by community input and reviewed and approved by the governing body prior to posting on the LEA's publicly available website.

LEAs may use the template to revise their current Health and Safety Plans to meet ARP requirements and ensure all stakeholders are fully informed of the LEA's plan to safely resume instructional and non-instructional school activities, including in-person learning, for the current school year. An LEA may use a different plan template or format provided it includes all the elements required by the ARP Act, as listed above.

* The July 30 deadline applies only to school districts and charter schools that received federal Title I-A funds in FY 2020-2021 and intend to apply for and receive ARP ESSER funding.

Additional Resources

LEAs are advised to review the following resources when developing their Health and Safety Plans:

- [CDC K-12 School Operational Strategy](#)
- [PDE Resources for School Communities During COVID-19](#)
- [PDE Roadmap for Education Leaders](#)
- [PDE Accelerated Learning Through an Integrated System of Support](#)
- [PA Department of Health - COVID-19 in Pennsylvania](#)

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Mountain View School District

Initial Effective Date: June 9, 2025

Date of Last Review: June 17, 2024

Date of Last Revision: June 17, 2024..Updated June 2025

How will the LEA, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?

1. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services?

The Superintendent of Schools and the administrative team hold monthly meetings where the most up-to-date CDC requirements and recommendations may be discussed and processed, as needed. These administrative meetings may be called at any time if the CDC information related to staff and student safety is updated and/or changed. Both the elementary and the high school have slightly different actions plans based on the dynamic of these buildings and the needs and age of the students. These action plans may be discussed and reviewed at monthly faculty meetings, as needed. The focus of these plans include but are not limited to: cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, ventilation, social distancing, hand washing, and monitoring student and staff health.

2. Use the table below to explain 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 policy on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
a. Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u> ;	The LEA will continue to consider the CDC guidelines and recommendations for the 25-26 school year. The LEA will ensure that employees and students will have access to masks upon request. The wearing of masks are optional and at the discretion of each individual faculty/staff member and student.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	The district will maintain appropriate physical distancing whenever possible or as needed. The cafeteria, gymnasium, and library may be used for additional social distancing space if a resurgence occurs in the future with COVID-19.
c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u> ;	Hand sanitizer and/or hand wipes are provided in all classroom and most common areas. Handwashing signs are available for students in common bathroom areas. A review of best handwashing practices may be reviewed with students during the school year.
d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u> ;	Our high traffic areas (counters, tables, doorknobs and water fountains are wiped down throughout the day, as needed. Teachers may open windows during the day to help with ventilation when weather permits. High grade filters are currently being used and are changed as needed. All cleaning supplies and disinfectants meet the CDC guidelines. Every classroom and high traffic areas may be byoglobed as needed or requested. All buses are sanitized often after each bus run. The district has installed new air handlers for most high school classrooms.
e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u> , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	The district is now encouraging all faculty, staff and students to stay home when they are sick. The district directly consult the Department of Health if a resurgence occurs related to COVID-19.
f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;	If a COVID-19 resurgence occurs, the district may consider opportunities offered by the PA Department of Health to conduct diagnostic and screening testing on school district campus for students and staff.
g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u> ;	If a COVID-19 resurgence occurs, the district would be open to offering future vaccination opportunities for the community.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Our LEA will work directly with our Director of Special Services on identifying any additional health and safety accommodations needed for our students with disabilities. The LEA will ensure that all accommodations are met so all of our

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	students can find success within our updated health and safety plan. Further, if needed, our special education teachers will assist by working directly with families of students to check on and review any and all needs to ensure student success.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	The LEA and building principals will collaborate on all district future positive COVID-19 cases and informing parents of the updated CDC guidelines. Any further recommendations from the PA Department of Health on updating our Health and Safety measures will be discussed and considered.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

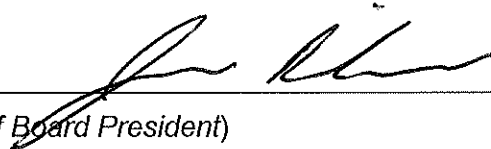
The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Mountain View School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **Monday, June 9, 2025**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

 8 Yes
 1 No

Affirmed on: **Monday, June 9, 2025**

By:



(Signature* of Board President)

Jason Richmond

(Print Name of Board President)

*Electronic signatures on this document are acceptable using one of the two methods detailed below.

Option A: The use of actual signatures is encouraged whenever possible. This method requires that the document be printed, signed, scanned, and then submitted.

Option B: If printing and scanning are not possible, add an electronic signature using the resident Microsoft Office product signature option, which is free to everyone, no installation or purchase needed.

Mountain View School District
“A Community’s Commitment to Excellence”
Board of Education Public Meeting

7:31

Monday, June 9, 2025 - 7:00 PM

Agenda

1. Opening Activities

- 1.1. Call to Order
- 1.2. Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3. Roll Call

Board of Education:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Michael Barhite | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Louise Cator |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Kenneth Decker | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Tracy Flynn |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Derek O’Dell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Michael Talabiska |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Michael Molenko | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Danny Very |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Jason Richmond | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Thomas Witiak, Sec. Non-Member |

Administration:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Michael Elia | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Patrick McGarry |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Thomas Witiak | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Mark Lemoncelli |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VACANT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Joseph Gaughan, Attorney |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Erica Loftus | |

1.4. Pride in Mountain View:

Annual Act 55 District Safety Presentation – Dr. Michael Elia

Dr. Elia presented the...

2025 – 2026 Final Budget Presentation – Mr. Thomas Witiak

TW presented the...

1.5. Approve the Board Minutes

The motion is made by MTT, second by DO, to approve the minutes dated May 5, 2025, as presented.

Voting: 9 Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____ Absent

1.6. Treasurer’s Report – Michael Talabiska, Treasurer

MTT presented the Treasurer's Report

1.7. First Hearing of Visitors

You may speak about anything on the agenda. Please identify yourself by name and address all comments to the Board as a whole. You will be allowed two (2) minutes for your comments; five (5) minutes if prior written notification was made. Comments relative to private student matters or personnel issues should be directed to the

appropriate school authority outside of this meeting. The presiding officer reserves the right to interrupt or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Ted:

2. Finance Committee: Michael Barhite, Chairperson
Committee Members: Michael Molenko, Derek O'Dell

2.1. Approve June Bill List

The motion is made by MB, second by DO, to approve the list of bills for June 9, 2025 for the General Fund in the amount of \$1,744,668.63 and the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$65,285.91, totaling \$1,809,954.56 as presented.

Voting: 9 Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___ Absent

2.2. Approve 2025 – 2026 Final Budget

The motion is made by MB, second by DO, to approve the 2025–2026 Final Budget in the amount of \$23,547,680.00 as presented.

Voting: 9 Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___ Absent

2.3. Approve 2025 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion

The motion is made by MB, second by DO, to approve the 2025 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion in the amount of \$911,626.51. There are 2,192 eligible Homesteads and Farmsteads.

Voting: 9 Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___ Absent

2.4. Approve Transfer of Funds

The motion is made by MB, second by DO, to authorize transfer of funds from General Fund to Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$424,205.00 for the July 1, 2025 bond payment of \$424,205.00 for the Bond Series of 2018.

Voting: 9 Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___ Absent

2.5. Approve Copier/Printer Agreement

The motion is made by MB, second by DO, to approve the 63-month printer and copier agreement with Topp Business Solutions, as presented.

Voting: 9 Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___ Absent

2.6. Approve Bank Account

The motion is made by MB, second by DO, to approve opening a Mountain View Elementary Student Account at Peoples Security Bank & Trust retroactive to April 14, 2025.

Voting: 9 Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___ Absent

2.7. Approve Continuation of Student Activities

The motion is made by MB, second by TF, to approve continuation of the following student activities – Activities, Art Club, Backpack Program, Band, Chorus, Class of 2026, Class of 2027, Class of 2028, Class of 2029, E-Sports, Family and Consumer Sciences, FBLA, Mountain View Student Government Association, Music Theatre, National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, PJAS, Students Against Drunk Driving, Scholastic Team, Science, Ski / Snowriders Club, Strategies for Life, Student Climate & Culture, Students In Need, and Yearbook for the 2025-2026 school year.

Voting: 9 Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___ Absent

2.8. Appoint School District Treasurer for 2025 -2026

The motion is made by MB, second by DO, to appoint LC as school district treasurer for the 2025-2026 school year.

Voting: 9 Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___ Absent

2.9. Approve NEIU 19 Service Agreement

The motion is made by MB, second by DO, to approve the Special Education Services Agreement between the Mountain View School District and NEIU 19 for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented.

Voting: 9 Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___ Absent

2.10. Approve NTIEC Service Agreement

The motion is made by MB, second by DO, to approve the Service Agreement between the Mountain View School District and Northern Tier Industry as presented.

Voting: 9 Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___ Absent

2.11. Approve Edmentum Service Agreement

The motion is made by MB, second by DO, to approve the Service Agreement between the Mountain View School District and Edmentum, as presented.

Voting: 9 Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____ Absent

2.12. Approve Aveanna Service Agreement

The motion is made by MB, second by DO, to approve the Service Agreement between the Mountain View School District and Aveanna for the 2025 - 2026, as presented.

Voting: ~~9~~ 9 Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____ Absent

2.13. Approve Mountain View School District Police Department

The motion is made by MB, second by DO, to approve the formation of the Mountain View School District Police Department, beginning on June 10, 2025.

Voting: 9 Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____ Absent

2.14. Approve 2025 -2026 Annual Tax Levy

The motion is made by MB, second by DO, to approve the 2025-2026 Annual Tax Levy as follows: 51.7014 mills real estate tax, \$5.00 per capita tax under Act 511, \$5.00 per capita tax under Section 679 of the Public School Code, Occupational Assessment Tax at 100 mills, 0.5% Earned Income Tax under Act 511 and 1 % Real Estate Transfer Tax. The discount rate is 2% and ends on August 31, 2025. Face period begins on September 1, 2025 and ends on October 31, 2025. The penalty rate is 10% and begins on November 1, 2025 and ends on December 31, 2025. The last day to pay tax collector is December 31, 2025. Installment payments are due by August 31, 2025, September 30, 2025 and October 31, 2025, respectively.

Voting: 8 Yes 1 No _____ Abstain _____ Absent
Very

3. Personnel Committee: Michael Molenko, Chairperson
Committee Members: Louise Cator, Derek O'Dell

3.1. Approve School Police Officer Compensation Agreement

The motion is made by MM, second by LC, to approve the Mountain View School Police Officer Compensation Agreement, as presented.

Voting: 9 Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____ Absent

3.2. Approve Job Description

The motion is made by MM, second by LC, to approve the Mountain View School District Job Description for the School Police Officer, as presented.

Voting: 9 Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____ Absent

3.3. Accept Coach Resignation

The motion is made by MM, second by LC, to accept the letter of resignation from the following coaches:

- A. James Belcher, JH Boys Basketball Head Coach, effective May 7, 2025.
- B. Michael Strouse, Varsity Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, effective May 19, 2025.
- C. Erika Freely, JH Girls Basketball Assistant Coach, effective June 2, 2025.

Voting: 9 Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___ Absent

3.4. Authorize Posting and Advertising

- A. JH Boys Basketball Head Coach
- B. Varsity Boys Basketball Assistant Coach
- C. JH Girls Basketball Assistant Coach

Voting: 9 Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___ Absent

3.5. Approve Coaching Position

The motion is made by MM, second by LC to approve the following supplemental salary coaching positions:

- A. Head Wrestling Coach, Rexford Bowman III, \$4,440.00

Voting: 9 Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___ Absent

3.6. Approve Volunteer

The motion is made by MM, second by LC, to appoint the following volunteer(s):

- A. Doris Mirabelli, Factoryville, classroom
- B. Amanda Morris, Kingsley, field trips

Voting: 9 Yes ___ No ___ Abstain ___ Absent

3.7. Approve Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Federal Programs

The motion is made by MM, second by LC, to approve Dr. Bridget Frounfelker, Scranton, PA, as Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Federal Programs with a salary of \$108,000.00 and benefits per the Act 93 Agreement, pending paperwork.

Voting: 8 Yes 1 No ___ Abstain ___ Absent
Very

3.8. Accept Resignation

The motion is made by MM, second by LC to accept the letter of resignation for Wendy Thomas from her paraprofessional position effective June 10, 2025, as presented.

Voting: 9 Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____ Absent

3.9. Approve Substitute Teacher

The motion is made by MM, second by LC, to approve the following substitute:

A. Wendy Thomas, South Gibson, to the Substitute Teacher List

Voting: 9 Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____ Absent

3.10. Approve 90-day Long Term Substitute

The motion is made by MM, second by LC, to approve Bridget Sherring as a 90-day long term substitute, at a prorated salary of \$53,684.00, Step 1, Bachelors Column of the 2024-2025 schedule, Effective May 19, 2025 (91st day), and benefits according to contract as a result of serving in the same Elementary Classroom position for more than 90 consecutive days.

Voting: 9 Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____ Absent

4. Policy Committee: Michael Talabiska Chairperson

Committee Members: Danny Very, Tracy Flynn

5. Education Committee: Michael Talabiska, Chairperson

Committee Members: Tracy Flynn, Louise Cator

5.1. Approve Field Trip Request

The motion is made by MT, second by DV, to approve the following field trip requests:

- A. Kathy McHenry, 1 student, June 27 – July 3, 2025, FBLA National Leadership Conference, Anaheim, CA (Travel: \$1,415.94; Registration: \$320.00 Total: \$1,735.94).
- B. Matthew Donnelly, 6 students, May 31 – June 1, 2025, PIEA State Grand Championships, Cresson, PA (Travel: \$329.00; Total: \$329.00).
- C. Brenda Sinkovich, Todd Calabro, Anna VanWert, Holly James, Wendy Thomas, Dan Lishok, Dawn Ziegler, 8th grade students, May 21 – May 23, 2025, Class of 2029 Trip, Washington DC, (no cost to District).
- D. Mason Stiver, Kathy McHenry, Melissa Davis, 18 students, May 21 – 23 2025, Senior Trip, Stroudsburg, PA (no cost to District).

Voting: 9 Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____ Absent

5.2. Approve Marywood University Speech-Language Pathology Program Agreement

The motion is made by MT, second by DV, to approve the Memorandum Agreement between the Mountain View School District and Marywood University Speech-Language Pathology Program, as presented

Voting: 9 Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____ Absent

5.3. Approve Expulsion

The motion is made by MT, second by DV, to approve the expulsion of student #6342184321 for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year and Quarter 1 & 2 of the 2025-2026 school year.

Voting: 9 Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____ Absent

5.4. Approve Health and Safety Plan

The motion is made by MT, second by DV, to approve Health and Safety Plan for the Mountain View School District, beginning the 2025-2026 school year, as presented.

Voting: 8 Yes 1 No _____ Abstain _____ Absent

6. **Building and Site Committee: Danny Very, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Kenneth Decker

Mr. Taylor's Report Natural Gas line is being laid. Discussed the HS hot water setup.

7. **Transportation Committee: Kenny Decker, Chairperson**

Committee Members: Michael Barhite, Danny Very

8. **Labor Relations Committee: Jason Richmond, Chairperson**

MVEA Committee Members: Michael Talabiska, Danny Very, Kenneth Decker

MVESPA Committee Members: Derek O'Dell, Michael Talabiska, Danny Very

9. **Administration**

Field Day was a success.

9.1. Principals' Comments

Elementary Principal - Mr. Patrick McGarry

High School Principal - Dr. Mark Lemoncelli

Thanked board for support at Graduation, thanked board for ice cream.

9.2. Director of Special Services - Mrs. Erica Loftus

Wrapping up year. Thanked

9.3. Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Federal Programs - VACANT

Wendy Thomas.

Had to cancel Special Ed olympics b/c of weather. Special Ed Prom was a success

9.4. Business Manager – Mr. Thomas Witiak

Thanked board for Ice Cream.
Property + Life insurance.

9.5. Superintendent - Dr. Michael Elia

Thanked board, teachers. Proud of the
teachers effort. Thanked administrators.

10. Closing

10.1. New Business from Board Members

TF - Great to see students recognize teachers
of students that graduated w/honors was
impressive.

10.2. Second Hearing of Visitors

You may address any topic. Please identify yourself by name and address all comments to the Board as a whole. You will be allowed two (2) minutes for your comments; five (5) minutes if prior written notification was made. Comments relative to private student matters or personnel issues should be directed to the appropriate school authority outside of this meeting. The presiding officer reserves the right to interrupt or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Ted...

Sandy Chambers

10.3. Executive Session – Announcement of executive sessions held and/or scheduled.

HELD:

- Monday, June 9, 2025 - 6:30 pm - 7:20 pm for Personnel, WC Claim, Lawsuit

SCHEDULED:

- Monday, July 14, 2025 before the public meeting

11. Adjourn

The motion was made by MT, second by DV, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at _____ pm.

Enclosures:

8:18

- 1.5- May 5, 2025 Minutes
- 1.6 – Treasurer's Report
- 2.1- Bill List
- 2.2 – Final Budget
- 2.5 - Topp Business Solutions Agreement
- 2.9 - NEIU 19 Service Agreement
- 2.10 - NTIEC Service Agreement
- 2.11 - Edmentum Service Agreement
- 2.12 - Aveanna Service Agreement
- 3.1 - SPO Compensation Agreement
- 3.2 – SPO Job Description
- 3.3 – Belcher, Strouse, Freely resignation
- 3.7 - Thomas resignation
- 5.2 - Marywood Program Agreement
- 5.4 – 2025 - 2026 Health and Safety Plan

JR Thanked
MV community
for recent
fundraisers.

KD MV
alumii gdfs
fundraiser was
a success