Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan
as Described in Public Act 149, Section 98a

September 30, 2020 Assurance Revisions Based on PA-0165 (SB-927)

Introduction:
On August 20, 2020 Governor Whitmer signed House Bill 5913 into law as Public Act 149. Section 98a states that in order to receive state aid for 2020-2021, districts must provide for instruction under an extended COVID-19 Learning Plan ("Plan") that has been approved by an intermediate district or authorizing body. The Plan does not replace the District's/PSA's COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan, it is an additional plan that includes new assurances and sections on educational goals, instructional delivery, grading, and equitable access. PA 149 does not apply to districts that operate as a cyber-school.

Senate Concurred Bill 0927 was presented to Governor Whitmer on September 28, 2020 and signed into law on September 30, 2020. Section 98a of this bill modifies the requirements for district/PSA Extended COVID-19 Learning Plans required in Public Act 149. These modified requirements took effect once Governor Whitmer signed the bill into law on September 30, 2020. The following is a listing of those changes strikethrough (deletions) and bold text (additions) to the district's already approved plan.

District/PSA educational goals written for all students and all subgroups must be established no later than September 15, 2020 and submitted in their Plan to the ISD or Authorizing Body, as applicable, no later than October 1, 2020 for approval. **A district that is a public school academy that, by agreement, provides educational services for the residents of a district that is not a public school academy and that does not directly provide public educational services to its residents that intends to provide instruction under an extended COVID-19 learning plan shall submit its extended COVID-19 learning plan described in subsection (1) to the intermediate district in which it is located not later than October 1, 2020 for approval.**

The ISD or Authorizing Body will **approve Extended COVID-19 Learning Plans no later than October 9, 2020** and transmit the approved plans to the state superintendent of public instruction and the state treasurer. Approved plans must be made accessible through the transparency reporting link located on the district's website by not later than October ~~1~~ **12,** 2020.

Assurances

1. The District/PSA will make their ISD/Authorizing Body approved Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan accessible through the transparency reporting link located on the District's/PSA's website no later than October ~~1~~ **12**, 2020.

2. **By not later than January 15, 2021, the district shall create a report that includes information regarding both of the following and shall ensure that the report under this subdivision can be accessed through the transparency reporting link located**

on the district's website:

a. **The amount and type of training provided during the current school year as of the date of the report to teachers of the district through professional development that focuses on how to deliver virtual content.**
b. **The amount and type of training provided during the current school year as of the date of the report to the parents and legal guardians of pupils and to pupils on how to access and use virtual content provided by the district.**

3. The District/PSA will create and make available on its transparency reporting link located on the District/PSA's website, a report concerning the progress made in meeting the educational goals contained in its Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan not later than February 1, 2021, for goals its expected would be achieved by the middle of the school year and not later than the last day of school of the 2020-2021 school year for goals the District/PSA expected would be achieved by the end of the school year.

4. Benchmark Assessments: The District/PSA will
   a. select a benchmark assessment or benchmark assessments that is/are aligned to state standards.
   b. administer the approved benchmark assessment, or local benchmark assessment, or any combination thereof, to all pupils in grades K to 8 to measure proficiency in reading and mathematics within the first nine weeks of the 2020-2021 school year and again not later than the last day of the of the 2020-2021 school year.

5. If delivering pupil instruction virtually, the District/PSA will
   a. provide pupils with equitable access to technology and the internet necessary to participate in instruction, and
   b. expose each pupil to the academic standards that apply for each pupil's grade level or courses in the same scope and sequence as the District/PSA had planned for that exposure to occur for in-person instruction.

6. The District/PSA, in consultation with a local health department will develop guidelines concerning appropriate methods for delivering pupil instruction for the 2020-2021 school year that are based on local data that are based on key metrics. *Note: A determination concerning the method for delivering pupil instruction shall remain at the District/PSA Board's discretion.* Key metrics that the District/PSA will consider shall include at least all of the following:

   a. COVID-19 Cases or Positive COVID-19 tests
   b. Hospitalizations due to COVID-19
   c. Number of deaths resulting from COVID-19 over a 14-day period
   d. COVID-19 cases for each day for each 1 million individuals
   e. The percentage of positive COVID-19 tests over a 4-week period
   f. Health capacity strength
   g. Testing, tracing, and containment infrastructure with regard to COVID-19

7. If the District/PSA determines that it is safe to provide in-person instruction to pupils, the District/PSA will prioritize providing in-person instruction to pupils in grades K to 5 who are enrolled in the District/PSA.

8. The District/PSA assures that

a. instruction will be delivered as described in this plan and re-confirmed by the District/PSA Board,
b. the description of instructional delivery in this plan matches the delivery of instruction to be delivered during the 2020-2021 school year,
c. the District/PSA will re-confirm how instruction will be delivered during the 2020-2021 school year thirty days after ISD approval of the plan, and ~~every 30 days~~ **each month** thereafter at a meeting of the Board, and
d. **For each reconfirmation described in this subdivision, the district shall report to the center, in a form and manner prescribed by the center,**
    i. **the instructional delivery method that was reconfirmed;**
    ii. **how that instruction will be delivered for each grade level offered by the district, including pre-kindergarten, as applicable; and**
    iii. **whether or not, as determined by the department in consultation with the center, the district is offering higher levels of in-person instruction for English language learners, special education students, or other special populations.**
e. public comment will be solicited from the parents or legal guardians of the pupils enrolled in the District/PSA during a public meeting described in PA-149.

9. The District/PSA will ensure that students with disabilities will be provided with equitable access to instruction and accommodation in accordance with applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

10. The District/PSA will ensure that two (2), 2-way interactions occur between a pupil enrolled in the District/PSA and the pupil's teacher or at least one (1) of the pupil's teachers, **or another district employee who has responsibility for the pupil's learning, grade progression, or academic progress** during each week of the school year for at least 75% of the pupils enrolled in the District/PSA. The District/PSA will publicly announce its weekly interaction rates at each District/PSA Board meeting where it re-confirms how instruction is being delivered. The District/PSA will make those rates available through the transparency reporting link located on the District/PSA website each month for the 2020-2021 school year.

Clarification of Assurance 10: "2-way interaction" means a communication that occurs between a pupil and the pupil's teacher or at least 1 of the pupil's teachers **or another district employee who has responsibility for the pupil's learning, grade progression, or academic progress,** where 1 party initiates communication and a response from the other party follows that communication, and that is relevant to course progress or course content for at least 1 of the courses in which the pupil is enrolled **or relevant to the pupil's overall academic progress or grade progression.** Responses, as described in this subdivision, must be to ~~the~~ communication initiated by the teacher, **by another district employee who has responsibility for the pupil's learning, grade progression, or academic progress, or by the pupil,** and not some other action taken.



District Superintendent

10-9-2020

Date