

Attestation Ensuring Implementation of Mitigation Efforts

Whereas, the commonwealth is experiencing its highest daily case counts since the beginning of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, resulting in increased hospitalizations, nearly 10,000 deaths, and heightened risk to the most vulnerable Pennsylvanians;

Whereas, the Wolf Administration has identified new mitigation efforts, including an attestation process for public school entities that elect to continue in-person instruction for students in counties designated as exhibiting "Substantial" transmission of COVID-19 for two or more consecutive weeks based on a disease incidence rate of 100 or more cases per 100,000 residents and/or a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) percent positivity rate of 10 percent or greater;

Whereas, as of November 23, 2020, 59 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties met one or both of these standards;

Whereas, Pennsylvania recommends that school entities in counties with Substantial disease transmission transition to remote-only instructional models;

Whereas, as of November 20, 2020, many public school entities have exercised their local discretion to continue in-person instruction for all or some students;

Whereas, the resurgence of COVID-19 across the nation, region, and commonwealth requires more consistent and intensive implementation of disease mitigation efforts;

Whereas, these mitigation efforts include an attestation process for any public school entity (a "public school entity" is defined as a school district, intermediate unit, charter school, cyber charter school, or a career and technical education center) that elects to continue in-person instruction as of November 30, 2020 while the county in which it is located is under a Substantial disease transmission designation for at least two consecutive weeks; and

Whereas, this attestation process supplements and does not supplant existing public health guidance issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Education;

AND NOW, THEREFORE, the president/chair of the school entity's governing board and chief school administrator, in accordance with the Order of the Secretary of Health dated November 24, 2020, entitled Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Directing Public School Entities in Counties with Substantial Community Transmission to Attest to Health and Safety Protocols, attest to one of the following (SELECT ONE OPTION):

All or some of the students within the public school entity are currently receiving in-person instruction and:

1. We have read the Updated Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings, effective November 18, 2020, including necessary exceptions and associated guidance, and affirm the public school entity is complying and will continue to comply with and enforce the Updated Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Requiring

Universal Face Coverings, including necessary exceptions and associated guidance; with the exception of the minor deviations as set forth in the attached addendum; and

2. We have read and agree to follow the Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19, when cases of COVID-19 occur within the public school entity.

OR

The public school entity has transitioned to a fully remote learning model and will continue to use a fully remote learning model until the county (or counties) in which the public school entity is located is no longer experiencing Substantial disease transmission for two consecutive weeks.

*** A public school entity in a county with Substantial level of disease transmission that is currently providing a fully remote learning model and that elects to transfer to in-person instruction must resubmit this attestation prior to providing in-person instruction.

The Line Mountain School District affirms that it has attached this signed Attestation to its Local Health and Safety Plan (the "Plan") in order to reflect provisions above, and that, by doing so, this attestation becomes part of the Plan and has been or will be fully implemented by November 30, 2020, or three business days after the county in which the public school entity is located has been designated as exhibiting Substantial disease transmission for the first time, should the public school entity in a county with Substantial level of disease transmission for two or more consecutive weeks elect to offer or continue offering in-person instruction for all or some students; and

Further, the Local Health and Safety Plan, inclusive of this attestation, has been posted on the public school entity's publicly accessible website and filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Education by email submission at RA-EDCONTINUITYOFED@pa.gov.

Signed:

(Signature of Governing Board President/Chair)

(Signature of Chief School Administrator)

(Printed Name of Governing Board President/Chair Administrator)

(Printed Name of Chief School Administrator)

Date Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Date

LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Addendum to Attestation Ensuring Implementation of Mitigation Efforts

- **Hybrid Model:** Line Mountain School District will make every effort to continue a hybrid educational approach of either in-person or virtual (remote) instruction, the choice of educational modality is voluntarily and students/parents may elect to attend in person or virtual (remote) instruction, and to the extent possible, Line Mountain School District will make a good faith effort to comply with the orders and recommendations of Commonwealth agencies that are in effect at the time of execution of this attestation.

- **Physical Distancing:** Line Mountain School District will make every effort to keep students at least 6 feet apart during the school day but inevitably there will be times during the school day, and during bus transportation, that maintaining 6 feet physical distance is not possible due to the size of buses, classrooms, hallways, and physical school buildings.

- **Special Education Students:** Line Mountain School District will make every effort, to the extent possible, to ensure Special Education Students and their educational staff maintain appropriate physical distance and wear face coverings or alternative face coverings that are appropriate based upon any individual student(s) impairment, disability or communication need, on a case by case basis.

- **Masking and Athletics:** Line Mountain School District is aware of safety and health concerns surrounding the wearing of face coverings during active athletic competition, which may pose a safety hazard, cause breathing or other related medical issues. Line Mountain School District will make every effort to ensure that athletes and coaches will wear face coverings at all times while not actively participating in athletic activity. Line Mountain School District will continue enforcing the expectation that all students and athletes are screened at home before coming to school each day. Students are expected to stay home if sick or exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms. Line Mountain School District will also maintain athletics precautions, with temperature check and/or symptom screening of all students that attend extracurricular activities prior to any practice or athletic contest. All students that participate in extracurricular activities are expected to stay home if sick or exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms.