BELIEVE Circle City High School

2021-2022 Re-Imagining School Framework

*Gold Text/Titles denote implemented plans/procedures

**Purpose:** Our goal is to ensure that the 2021-2022 School Opening Plan is academically rigorous and emotionally supportive for all of our students and families. We value love, safety, rigor and equity. We recognize that this year may bring about more uncertainty with COVID variants, and we are planning to make it purposeful, while maintaining acceleration, agency, and autonomy.

**Non-Negotiables:**
1. Scholars, Families, and Staff must feel safe with the BELIEVE COVID Plan.
2. Scholars and Families must have equal access to all materials (chromebooks, internet, supplies).
3. Scholars and Staff must have adequate protocols to safely interact.

**Greenlighting Criteria:** BCC will make its final decision on how to proceed based on input from multiple sources, including the Indiana guidance from the Governor, CDC, Marion County, Indianapolis Public Schools Plan, parents’ input, and staff/scholar safety.

**Scenario Planning:** Scenario planning is critical to ensure we are able to meet the needs of families and staff. However, scenario planning also involves making difficult decisions grounded in reality - what resources will we have, what does the operating environment look like, what can we do really well versus what we will need to give up, what expertise and bandwidth currently exists, and what timeline is reasonable and urgent. Thus, we must consider and plan, at a high level for different scenarios as well as decide on “Go and No-Go” timetables. Each scenario will include a specific, common framework for planning.

1. **Social Distance Launch w/Abrupt Closure-WITH FULL VIRTUAL OPTION**

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<td>Arrival</td>
<td>• Mask Required&lt;br&gt;• Sanitize @ Door&lt;br&gt;• Temperature Check&lt;br&gt;• COVID safety carts in all spaces&lt;br&gt;• Scholars sit in the gym (3 FT apart) until transition&lt;br&gt;• Scholars are allowed to grab breakfast and return to their assigned seat</td>
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<td>Classroom</td>
<td>• Sanitation Cart in every Classroom <em>(include hand sanitizer, clorox wipes, masks)</em>&lt;br&gt;• Each scholar has their own materials. No SHARED materials&lt;br&gt;• Each scholar has a individual device&lt;br&gt;• Each scholar will sit in assigned seat</td>
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<td>Transitions</td>
<td>• Scholars transition with masks&lt;br&gt;• No more than 100 scholars transition at any given time&lt;br&gt;• Masks are on 100% of the time until they are outside of the building&lt;br&gt;• Scholars are not allowed to have any physical contact with peers</td>
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### Lunch
- Scholars eat outside daily weather permitting
- Scholars eat in gym or in village rooms if weather or circumstances prevent outdoor eating
- Sanitation Cart is present in all lunch locations
- All surfaces are sanitized before and after each scholar eats
- All food prepared with extra precautions, and pre-packaged when possible

### Dismissal
- IndyGo Riders are dismissed out of classroom doors
- Car Pick-Ups are dismissed out of a separate exit
- Scholars are expected to wait outside or in the gym until parents pick them up

### Restroom
- Sanitation Carts are present in every restroom
- Proper hand-washing guidelines are posted

### General
- Staff are expected to present vaccination proof
- Staff can teach virtually if they are exhibiting multiple symptoms of COVID-19
- All classrooms, high touch areas, and restrooms are cleaned multiple times during the day
- Visitors will not be permitted at BELIEVE unless they are vendors servicing the building.
- All vendors visiting the building must follow all COVID guidelines while in the building (i.e. Mask at all times, limited exposure to scholars and staff, 6ft. distance from all members of the school community, must remain in assigned meeting room unless servicing the building)
- MERV Filters have been implemented across HVAC system
- All classrooms will have an additional air purifier

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## Sick/COVID-19 Policy

### Sick Scholar Expectations

#### CDC Recognized COVID Symptoms:
- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

### Parent Expectations

- What should I do if my scholar is sick?
  - If your child wakes up and does not feel well, your child should remain at home.
  - Call the school to inform the front office that your child is not well enough to attend school so that we can excuse the absence. Your scholar can still attend their classes virtually.
  - Scholars exhibiting 1 symptom and no fever, should remain home the first day the symptom occurs, and can return to school if they are feeling fine the next day (with no fever).
  - Scholars can return back to school if their temperature is under 99.5 F for 24 hours if they are exhibiting multiple symptoms and/or fever.
  - Scholars exhibiting 2 or more COVID-like symptoms and/or fever can return to school after they receive a negative COVID-19 test.
### What happens if my child gets sick at school?

- Scholars who are identified as being ill at school will be placed in an isolation room immediately.
- Parents will be notified and scholars will be sent home. If parents cannot pick their scholar up from school, scholars will remain in the isolation room until the end of the school day.
- Scholars exhibiting 1 symptom and no fever, should remain home the first day the symptom occurs, and can return to school if they are feeling fine the next day (with no fever).
- Scholars can return back to school if their temperature is under 99.5°F for 24 hours if they are exhibiting multiple symptoms and/or fever.
- Scholars exhibiting 2 or more COVID-like symptoms and/or fever can return to school after they receive a negative COVID-19 test.

### What do I do if my child tests positive for COVID-19 or is exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

- Your scholar needs to remain at home for 14 days or until they receive 2 negative COVID-19 tests within 24 hours w/document for the school. Scholars will still attend classes each day remotely. They can return back to school after the 14 day period or the negative COVID-19 tests.

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

By signing this agreement, I understand and acknowledge the unknown nature of COVID-19, it is not possible to fully list each and every individual risk of contracting COVID-19. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the school may result from the actions, omission, or negligence of myself and others. I understand and consent to submit and comply with any testing, health monitoring and contact tracing protocols that the school has determined are prudent to maintain a safe environment.

**Scholar/Staff Name:**

**Scholar Signature:**

**Date:**

**Parent/Legal Guardian Name:**

**Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:**

**Date:**