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Jackson Center Local Schools **ARP ESSER - Safe Return & Continuity Plan** **June 2021**

Jackson Center Local Schools provided in-person learning throughout the 2020-2021 school year. In the 2020-2021 school year, we partnered with our local health officials to ensure a safe in-person learning environment. We did our best to encourage and enforce the use of masks, physical distancing, frequent handwashing, increased cleaning of facilities, contact tracing and testing. We also made special accommodations for our students with special needs and our families that had concerns with coming back to in person education. Finally, we provided opportunities for vaccinations to our staff on site.

In the 2021-2022 school year, our plan is to once again return fully to in-person learning. All mitigation efforts listed above could be in place if needed per the guidance of the Center for Disease Control, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Education and the our local health authorities. As we prepare for a full return to in-person learning in 2021-2022, we look forward to continuing to build on our partnership with our local health officials. When needed, we will use existing practices for contact tracing and other efforts to maintain a safe school environment. Our experiences of being in-person throughout the 2020-2021 have taught us a great deal not only in our effort to contain the spread of Covid-19, but also in our effort to contain the spread of other illness causing viruses and bacteria.

In addition, our wellness team is equipped to continue to offer a range of supports to students, staff, and families. Our wellness team consists of guidance counselors, administrators, and contracted clinical counselors as well as teachers trained in mental health first aid to ensure that all students, regardless of ability, have access to the psychological and socio-emotional supports needed to ensure their success in a public school system. Our wellness team also connects families to needed social service supports and offers a range of supports for staff members in need.

Our plan for continuing to offer safe learning environments for our students and staff is reviewed on an ongoing basis and adjusted as needed.