



## Crooksville Exempted Village School District

### Safe Return of In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

On June 2, 2021, Governor DeWine announced the state's loosened mask mandate. Fully vaccinated people in Ohio will no longer be required to wear a mask except in certain crowded indoor settings, such as healthcare and transportation. Governor DeWine has requested that schools and districts design plans that address the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services to meet the needs of students.

Crooksville Exempted Village School District has been providing face-to-face instruction, five days a week, to our students the last quarter of the 2020-2021 academic year. We have maintained the same standard of high expectations as in previous years. We consistently monitor student progress and use all available data to make decisions that support individual student needs. We have prioritized the social and emotional well-being of our students during the pandemic and are providing supports where appropriate. Therefore, we will continue to provide face-to-face instruction, five days a week, to our students during the 2021-2022 academic year.

These general principles will guide our school community as we continue services in the Crooksville Exempted Village School District:

1. Our school district will implement recommended safety protocols to the highest degree possible.
2. Our school district will work closely with the Perry County Health Department to promote health and safety in all school buildings.
3. Our school district will be transparent with all stakeholders that some level of risk will always be present when children and school district employees occupy school district facilities.
4. Our school district recognizes the need for consistency in areas of operations while also recognizing that individual differences in classroom sizes, school facilities and building operations may lead to some inconsistencies.

### **Local Use of Funds Summary**

Crooksville Exempted Village Schools has determined its most important educational & expenditure needs as a result of COVID-19 by first and foremost adhering to all governor's orders as designated to the Ohio Department of Health and delivered via our local Perry County Health Department. We have made all compliance protocols our priority and have followed all decision-making focusing on those prevention strategies. Additionally, our school district prides itself on being a stakeholder-focused entity and relies on leadership teams, our qualified board of education and local/regional colleagues to work in a collaborative nature to best serve our rural, Appalachian, low-income population. Our unique culture has driven our needs; we need more space for distance requirements to be met, both indoors in classroom space as well as outdoor space so that our students may be offered a safe and secure space for academic & wellness classes. We have been forced, due to the pandemic and the distancing requirement, to use unconventional spaces for outdoor recess & recreation, such as our track space, which is now in need of repair. With this repair and improvement for the enablement of the overall operation of our schools to reduce the risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards is solidified. This effort also reduces the risk of virus transmission with the provided extra outdoor space. Our equity plan involves allowable outside, distanced areas for students to have recreation time, which the research shows is necessary in the effort to meet the needs of the whole child, and provides an allowable area for our students to utilize upon their return to school in a safe environment. Academics is always our priority and the delivery of those services has been a top priority as we provide 1:1 technology to every student in our school district. Our challenge is connectivity with extremely limited internet for the majority of our district population. We have provided mobile mifi devices in an effort to continue to deliver high-quality student learning. We continue to administer and use high quality assessments to assess students' academic progress and meet students' academic needs, including differentiating instruction; implementing evidence based activities with assistive technology to meet the comprehensive needs of our varied student population. We provide information and assistance to parents and families on how they can effectively support students in a COVID-19 pandemic learning environment. Our priority has been and continues to be a kids first mindset for every decision that is made in our district. We adhere to all mandates and requirements the state dictates, rely on our regional and local colleagues and place high priority on our local leadership teams who work tirelessly on behalf of our student and staff populations.