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Applicant: 35 5470 Warren Township Somerset County

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## SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

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(1) IN GENERAL - A local educational agency receiving funds under this section shall develop and make publicly available on the local educational agency's website, not later than 30 days after receiving the allocation of funds described in paragraph (d)(1), a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services.

2) COMMENT PERIOD. Before making the plan described in paragraph (1) publicly available, the local educational agency shall seek public comment on the plan and take such comments into account in the development of the plan.

Support for Schools: Describe how the LEA will support its schools in safely returning to in-person instruction and sustaining safe operation. This description must include:

*For each mitigation strategy listed below, please describe how the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.*

### **LEA Response Table**

1) Universal and correct wearing of masks

([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The Warren Township School District intends to follow current CDC, NJDOE, and NJDOH guidelines, as well as any relevant legislation or executive orders signed by the Governor of New Jersey regarding the universal and correct wearing of masks in elementary and secondary school facilities. When those guidelines conflict, the Warren Township School District intends to follow the guidelines set forth by the NJDOH unless directed otherwise by the local public health official.
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2) Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding)

([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The Warren Township School District intends to follow current CDC, NJDOE, and NJDOH guidelines, as well as any relevant legislation or executive orders signed by the Governor of New Jersey regarding physical distancing. If necessary, the district will hire additional classroom teachers to conform to local class size
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guidelines which will allow students to be spaced at distances in excess of CDC, NJDOE, and NJDOH guidelines.

3) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The Warren Township School District intends to follow current CDC, NJDOE, and NJDOH guidelines, as well as any relevant legislation or executive orders signed by the Governor of New Jersey regarding hand washing and respiratory etiquette. In addition, opportunities for hand hygiene will be built into each student's daily routine.

4) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation

([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The Warren Township School District intends to follow current CDC, NJDOE, and NJDOH guidelines, as well as any relevant legislation or executive orders signed by the Governor of New Jersey regarding cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation. The district recently underwent several capital projects to improve HVAC systems. Additional projects for HVAC systems and window and door replacement are anticipated in the coming years to continue improving ventilation. School nurses and custodians will implement existing district protocols to enhance cleaning of facilities when illness levels require.

5) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments

([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The Warren Township School District intends to follow current CDC, NJDOE, and NJDOH guidelines, as well as any relevant legislation or executive orders signed by the Governor of New Jersey regarding contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with state and local health officials. This includes the continuation of existing protocols for engaging the local health official each time there is a positive COVID-19 case affecting a student or staff member to coordinate a response.

6) Diagnostic and screening testing

([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The Warren Township School District intends to follow current CDC, NJDOE, and NJDOH guidelines, as well as any relevant legislation or executive orders signed by the Governor of New Jersey regarding diagnostic

and screening testing. The District applied for and anticipates receiving authorization to operate a COVID-19 testing facility at Warren Middle School.

7) Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible  
([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The Warren Township School District intends to follow current CDC, NJDOE, and NJDOH guidelines, as well as any relevant legislation or executive orders signed by the Governor of New Jersey regarding efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible. The District previously facilitated connecting all adults who desired a vaccine with vaccine providers. The District held a vaccine clinic for eligible students in June 2021. The District will work with vaccine providers to hold vaccine clinics for additional students as they become eligible.

8) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies  
([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The Warren Township School District intends to follow current CDC, NJDOE, and NJDOH guidelines, as well as any relevant legislation or executive orders signed by the Governor of New Jersey regarding appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies. This includes addressing individual student needs through IEPs, 504 Plans, individual medical plans, and other existing mechanisms as needed to ensure access to educational services for all eligible students.

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## Safe Return Plan Updated

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Safe Return Plan text and assurances must be agreed to every six months.

Date Plan Updated

Describe how the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students academic needs and students and staff social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services. ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The Warren Township Schools ensures continuity of services by providing a comprehensive multi-tiered system of supports based in a whole child philosophy that addresses student academic, social, and personal needs. This approach includes extended day tutoring and mentoring programs with individual students and/or small groups. In addition, positions like Social Emotional Learning specialists have been onboarded to focus on student and staff's SEL priorities. The district maintains an Emergency Virtual Instruction plan that includes 1:1 Chromebook access for all students and 1:1 staff access to tablets. In addition, families are surveyed every year to address any potential challenges that may exist with Internet access.

Describe how the LEA sought public comment on its plan, and how it took those public comment into account in the development of its plan. ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

Board of education committees and presentations focus on core aspects of the plan. All Board committees provide updates to the public. Members of the public can comment on any committee reports. In addition, the BOE continues to provide the public the ability to comment on meetings via Zoom which invites a much higher rate of participation than would otherwise occur. A weekly Community Briefing is also issued every Friday to the entire school community.

Describe how the LEA ensured that the plan is in an understandable and uniform format; is to the extent practicable written in a language that parents can understand or, if not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, will be orally translated for such a parent; and upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA, will be provided in an alternative format

accessible to that parent. ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The Emergency Virtual Instruction plan is displayed on the district homepage. The district webpage provides Translate features in a variety of languages.

Briefly describe any guidance, professional learning, and technical assistance opportunities the LEA will make available to its schools. ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

To address student and staff needs, an SEL Specialist position was created and the district has onboarded a series of SEL programs to better support student and staff overall wellness and disposition to learn.

Provide current link to the district's website where the plan is posted.

[https://www.warrentboe.org/\\_files/news/3260/Emergency%20Virtual%20Instruction%20Plan%202022-2023.pdf](https://www.warrentboe.org/_files/news/3260/Emergency%20Virtual%20Instruction%20Plan%202022-2023.pdf)

By checking this box and saving the page, the applicant hereby certifies that they will assure that the information contained in the Safe Return to School plans will be updated within this system every 6 months during this grant project period.

Assurances Fully Agreed to By:

William Kimmick

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## Assurances

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American Rescue Plan of 2021

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP- ESSER)

- By checking this box and saving the page, the applicant hereby certifies that he/she has read, understood and will comply with the assurances listed below that will apply to any subsequent application amendments of all federal programs in which the LEA participates.

**The Local Educational Agency (LEA) hereby assures the New Jersey Department of Education that:**

1. The LEA, as a recipient of funds under the ARP understands the general assurances agreed to in the GMS system also apply to the ARP funds.
2. The LEA, as a recipient of federal funds under the ARP will determine the most important educational needs as a result of COVID-19, propose a timeline for providing services and assistance to students and staff, determine the extent to which the LEA intends to use funds awarded under the ARP to promote the authorized purposes and uses, and determine how the LEA intends to assess and address student learning loss resulting from the disruption in educational services. This information should be documented by the LEA and be available upon request by the NJDOE;
3. The LEA will ensure that funds awarded under the ARP are used for activities allowable under section 2001. All activities and expenditures must be reasonable, necessary, allocable under section 2001 and meet the purpose of the ARP, to prepare for, prevent and respond to COVID-19. Further, the LEA, as a recipient of funds under section 2001 of the ARP, will reserve not less than twenty percent (20%) of such funds to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs, and ensure that such interventions respond to the students academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on the student subgroups described in section 1111(b)(2)(B)(xi) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 USC 6311(b)(2)(B)(xi), students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care;
4. The LEA, as a recipient of funds under section 2001 of the ARP agrees to develop and comply with the

requirements for a safe return to in-person instruction as required in section 2001(e) of the ARP;

5. The LEA will use such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as will ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, Federal funds paid to the LEA under the ARP. LEA will utilize Grants Management System (EWEG) to budget and report financial expenditures relating to ESSER funds provided under the ARP. Further, upon request by NJDOE, the LEA will provide documentation to support claims for expenditures, including expenditure ledgers, invoices, receipts and documentation to support purchases and proof of services received;
6. The LEA will adopt and use proper methods of administering funds received under the ARP Act, including:
  - A. The enforcement of any obligations imposed by law on agencies, institutions, organizations, and other recipients responsible for carrying out each federal award; and
  - B. The correction of deficiencies in operations that are identified through audits, monitoring, or evaluation.
7. The LEA will ensure that any and all internet connectivity purchases are in compliance with the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA);
8. The LEA, as a recipient of funds under the ARP will comply with the provisions of all applicable acts, regulations and assurances, including the New Jersey School Code, the New Jersey Administrative Code, orders and guidance from the New Jersey State Department of Education, NJDOE State Board of Education, and the following provisions of Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) 34 CFR parts 76, 77, 81, 82, 84, 97, 98, and 99; the OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485; and the Uniform Guidance in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3474.

Assurances Fully Agreed to By:

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