

American Rescue Plan: Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plans

Each district and community school should post on its local website a plan which includes, or will be modified to include, the extent to which it has adopted polices and a description of any such policies on each of the following mitigation strategies:

1. Universal and correct wearing of masks:
Pandora-Gilboa Local Schools will follow the Ohio Department of Health and Putnam County Board of Health guidelines.
2. Physical distancing:
Pandora-Gilboa Local Schools will follow the Ohio Department of Health and Putnam County Board of Health guidelines.
3. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:
Pandora-Gilboa Local Schools will continue current handwashing and respiratory etiquette guidelines.
4. Cleaning maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation:
Pandora-Gilboa Local Schools will continue current cleaning guidelines.
5. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the state, local, territorial or tribal health departments:
Pandora-Gilboa Local Schools will follow the Ohio Department of Health and Putnam County Board of Health guidelines.
6. Diagnostic and screening testing:
Pandora-Gilboa Local Schools will follow the Ohio Department of Health and Putnam County Board of Health guidelines.
7. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff and students, if eligible:
Vaccinations were offered to staff during the 2020-2021 school year.
8. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies:
We will follow our Pandora-Gilboa Local Board Policy regarding student with disabilities.

Each district and community school should post on its local website a plan which describes how it will ensure continuity of services including by not limited to:

1. Services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health and other needs, which may include student health and food services:
The Pandora-Gilboa Local School District Leadership Team will meet monthly and will review student data and identify student's academic needs. The team will discuss concerns and evaluate current practices; and provide input into how to best support the identified needs and concerns utilizing our best practice approaches. The district has employed a full time mental health counselor, a permanent substitute teacher, and

utilizes remote learning on calamity days. The Pandora-Gilboa School District successfully completed the 2020-2021 school year in person, 5 days per week, the entire school year. At this time, we do not believe there are any challenges or obstacles that will prevent us from providing the same methods of instruction in the upcoming school years.

2. The LEA periodically reviews, no less frequently than every six months for the duration of the ARP ESSER grant period (i.e. through September 30, 2023), and revises its plan as appropriate:
The Pandora-Gilboa Local Schools District Leadership Team will meet monthly to review students' academic needs, and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health and other needs and will revise our plan if needed to meet identified needs.
3. The LEA seeks public input and takes such input into account on (1) whether revisions are necessary and, if so, (2) the revisions to the plan:
The Pandora-Gilboa Local Schools District Leadership Team will request public input on whether or not revisions are needed and will revise our plan if needed to meet identified needs.

Local Use of Funds Summary

Pandora-Gilboa Local Schools were open the entire 2020-2021 school year, five days per week, in person learning the entire year. We utilized two full time substitute teachers to help assist the district in maintaining teacher coverage during the covid pandemic. Having two permanent substitute teachers enabled us to maintain in person learning the entire 2020-2021 school year even when faced with teacher illness due to the covid pandemic. Having successfully navigated last school year with in person learning five days a week; we believe our students experienced a near typical learning experience and that we are in position to continue that trend into next school year. We believe that utilizing two permanent substitute teachers enabled us to maintain in person learning, five days per week, the entire school year. Therefore; there was no lost instructional time. Pandora-Gilboa Local Schools determined that it was most important to have our students in the building during the 2020-2021 school year to receive in person learning, five days per week, in a typical setting.