



## **Continuity of Learning and COVID-19 Response Plan (“Plan”) Application Template**

As a result of COVID-19 and the closing of school buildings for the 2019-2020 School Year, school districts must submit a Continuity of Learning and COVID-19 Response Plan (“Plan”) in order to continue to receive state aid for operations. Although schools are closed and not providing in-person instruction, teaching and learning must continue. Michigan educators have been called to provide our students with continued learning.

There are varied states of readiness to provide continuity in learning among districts. Even within districts of multiple school sites, there are varied states of readiness. It is expected that schools will provide instruction at a distance using a variety of methods that meet local needs, including printed materials, phone contact, email, virtual learning, or a combination to meet student needs. We should avoid assuming that continuity in learning can only occur through online means.

While many educators have been providing distance learning opportunities, the Governor’s Executive Order ([EO 2020-35](#)) requires all schools to begin providing learning opportunities for all students no later than April 28, 2020. Districts who are able to begin their plans earlier are encouraged to do so.

Each District shall submit a single completed Assurance Document, Budget Outline, and Continuity of Learning Plan to its Intermediate School District. Each Public School Academy shall submit a completed Assurance Document, Budget Outline, and Continuity of Learning Plan to its Authorizer. A single Application should be filed for the district rather than multiple applications for individual schools within a district. The following items are required for the application which may be submitted beginning April 8, 2020:

1. Assurances Document
2. Continuity of Learning Plan
3. Budget Outline

## **Continuity of Learning and COVID-19 Response Plan (“Plan”) Guiding Principles**

As Districts and Public School Academies complete the Assurances and Continuity of Learning Plans, they should consider utilizing the following principles to guide their work:

### **Keep Students at the Center**

Intentional outreach to continue building relationships and maintain connections. Help students feel safe and valued. At minimum, plan to do the following:

- **Plan for Student Learning:** Build on each student’s strengths, interests, and needs and use this knowledge to positively affect learning.
- **Develop a Weekly Plan and Schedule:** Offer routines and structures for consistency and for the balancing of think time, work time, and play time for health and well-being.
- **Contact Families:** Partner to support student learning through ongoing communication and collaboration. This will not look the same for every student and family—safety remains the priority. Provide translations as necessary.

### **Design Learning for Equity and Access**

Plan and deliver content in multiple ways so all students can access learning.

- **Teach Content:** Set goals using knowledge of each student, content area standards, and of Michigan Merit Curriculum.
- **Deliver Flexible Instruction:** Consider how to deliver content depending on tools and resources accessible to each student. Alternative modes of instruction may include use of online learning, telephone communications, email, virtual instruction, videos, slideshows, project-based learning, use of instructional packets, or a combination to meet diverse student needs.
- **Engage Families:** Communicate with families about engagement strategies to support students as they access the learning. Families are critical partners. Provide translations as necessary.

### **Assess Student Learning**

Manage and monitor student learning and plan what’s next for learning including the potential need for summer and supplemental learning.

- **Check Student Learning:** Use a variety of strategies to monitor, assess, and provide feedback to students about their learning.
- **Make Instructional Adjustments:** Use formative assessment results to guide educators’ reflection on effectiveness of instruction and to determine next steps for student learning.
- **Engage Families:** Communicate with families about assessment results in order to inform next steps and the potential for supplemental summer learning. Provide translations as necessary.

**Continuity of Learning and COVID-19 Response Plan (“Plan”)  
Assurances**

Date Submitted:

Name of District:

Address of District:

District Code Number:

Email Address of the District:

Name of Intermediate School District:

Name of Authorizing Body (if applicable):

This Assurance document needs to be returned to your Intermediate School District or, for Public School Academies, your Authorizing Body with your Continuity of Learning Plan and Budget Outline beginning April 8, 2020 to indicate that the District will adopt a plan to ensure continuous learning for all students through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Districts should submit a single district plan that relates to all of their schools.

The applicant hereby provides assurance it will follow the requirements for a Plan for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year:

1. Applicant assures that all student learning will take place under the direction of a teacher of record for each student enrolled in the district.
2. Applicant assures that it will continue to pay school employees during the balance of the 2019-2020 school year under the same terms and conditions established prior to the school closure order period.
3. Applicant assures that the Plan was developed in collaboration with district administrators, school board members, teachers, and local bargaining units.
4. Applicant assures that food distribution has been arranged for or provided for eligible students.
5. Applicant assures coordination between applicant and Intermediate School District in which the District/PSA is located to mobilize disaster relief child care centers.
6. Applicant assures that to the extent practicable the District/PSA will in good faith provide students with IEPs/Section 504 Plans the opportunity to participate in learning consistent with existing plans.
7. Applicant assures that Continuity of Learning and COVID-19 Response Plan, Assurance Document, and Budget Outline will be posted immediately following approval to the District’s/PSA’s website.

## Continuity of Learning and COVID-19 Response Plan (“Plan”)

*The goal of a Continuity of Learning Plan and COVID-19 Response Plan is to ensure that each District or Public School Academy is providing, to the best of its ability, each student with alternative modes of instruction to help them stay on pace in their learning. This application recognizes that there is no “one-size-fits-all” solution; multiple means of engaging students and supporting families may be necessary that may vary by grade level, school building, or student population served.*

For the purposes of the Plan, “district” refers to school districts and public school academies.

Date Submitted:

Name of District:

Address of District:

District Code Number:

Email Address of the District Superintendent:

Name of Intermediate School District:

Name of Authorizing Body (if applicable):

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-35 a Plan must include all of the following parts:

1. Please describe the methods the district will use to provide alternative modes of instruction other than in-person instruction and a summary of materials each pupil and the pupil’s parents or guardians will need to access meaningfully the alternative modes of instruction included in the Plan. If the Plan relies on electronic instruction, the Plan must ensure to the extent feasible that pupils have access to a connected device capable of accessing the electronic instruction and must not penalize a pupil for the pupil’s inability to fully participate.

***“Alternative modes of instruction” means modes of pupil instruction, other than in-person instruction, that may include, without limitation, partnerships with other districts or intermediate districts or community colleges or institutions of higher education, use of vendors, use of online learning, telephone communications, email, virtual instruction, videos, slideshows, project-based learning, use of instructional packets, or a hybrid of multiple modes of learning that still promote recommended practices for social distancing to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.***

District/ PSA Response:

2. Please describe the methods the district will use to keep pupils at the center of educational activities, including outreach to continue building relationships and maintain connections, and to help pupils feel safe and valued.

District/ PSA Response:

3. Please describe the district's plans to deliver content in multiple ways so that all pupils can access learning.

District/ PSA Response:

4. Please describe the district's plans to manage and monitor learning by pupils.

District/ PSA Response:

5. Please attach a budget outline estimating additional expenditures associated with the Plan and sources of revenue to pay for those expenditures.

District/ PSA Response:

6. Please describe the manner in which district administrators, board members, teachers, and any representatives of teachers collaborated in development of the Plan.

District/ PSA Response:

7. Please describe the methods the district will use to notify pupils and parents or guardians of the Plan.

District/ PSA Response:

8. Please provide an estimate of the date on which the district will begin implementation of the Plan, which must be no later than April 28, 2008.

District/ PSA Response:

9. Please describe the assistance, to the extent feasible, to pupils enrolled in any postsecondary dual enrollment courses under Public Act 160 of 1996, as amended, MCL 388.511 to 388.524, and Career and Technical Preparation Act, 258 PA 2000, as amended, MCL 388.1901 to 388.1913, in completing the courses during the 2019-2020 school year.

District/ PSA Response:



10. Please describe how the district will continue to provide or arrange for continuation of food distribution to eligible pupils.

District/ PSA Response:

11. Please confirm that the district will continue to pay school employees while redeploying staff to provide meaningful work in the context of the Plan, subject to any applicable requirements of a collective bargaining agreement.

District/ PSA Response:

12. Provide describe how the district will evaluate the participation of pupils in the Plan.

District/ PSA Response:

13. Please describe how the district will provide mental health supports to pupils affected by a state of emergency or state of disaster prompted by COVID-19.

District/ PSA Response:

14. Please describe how the district will support the efforts of the intermediate district in which the district is located to mobilize disaster relief child care centers as described in Executive Order 2020-16 or any executive order that follow it.

District/ PSA Response:

Optional question:

15. Does the District to adopt a balanced calendar instructional program for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year? Does the District plan to adopt a balanced calendar instructional program for the 2020-2021 school year?

District/ PSA Response:

**Name of District Leader Submitting Application: Cynthia Burnstein**

Date Approved: 4/17/20

Name of ISD Superintendent/Authorizer Designee: Malverne C. Winborne

Date Submitted to Superintendent and State Treasurer: 4/18/20

Confirmation approved Plan is posted on District/PSA website: 4/21/20

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTINUITY OF LEARNING AND COVID-19  
RESPONSE PLAN (“PLAN”), BUDGET AMENDMENT RELATED TO PLAN AND  
OTHER AGREEMENTS REFERENCED IN PLAN, AND APPROVAL OF CHARTER  
CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

New School High (the “Academy”)

A virtual, regular meeting of the Academy Board of Directors was held on the 29th day of April , 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Board Member Briana Sprague:

Present: Sam Barresi, Carey Gary, Nic Cooper, Carolyn King, Joanne Lamar, Rick McCoy, Briana Sprague

Absent: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Board Member Joanne Lamar and supported by Board Member Carey Gary:

**BACKGROUND**

On April 2, 2020, in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic affecting our state, Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-35 (the “Order”) that, except as provided in section III of the Order, suspends in-person instruction for pupils in kindergarten through grade 12 (“K-12”) for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year and requires that school buildings used for the provision of K-12 education remain closed for the purpose of providing K-12 education in person for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, unless restrictions on public gatherings and use of school buildings are lifted before the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

In order to receive continued state school aid funding for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, the Order suspends certain state law provisions that, as reflected in the Order, are associated with in-person instruction, requires that public school academies continue to provide alternative modes of instructions for all pupils, as reflected in a Plan, for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, and requires that each public school academy submit their Plan to their authorizing body for approval.

On April 10, 2020, the Academy submitted its Plan to Eastern Michigan University (“Authorizer”) for approval.

On April 17, 2020, Authorizer approved the Academy’s Plan as reflected in the attached letter (“Authorizer Approval Letter”). As set forth in the Authorizer Approval Letter, the Academy Board of Directors (“Academy Board”) is required to approve the Academy’s Plan and

approve the Academy's Plan as a charter contract ("Contract") amendment at its next scheduled board meeting.

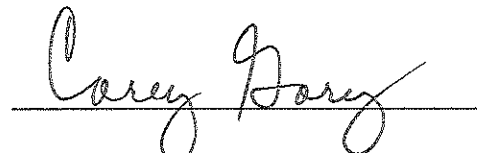
**THE ACADEMY BOARD THEREFORE RESOLVES THAT:**

1. The actions taken by Academy representatives to prepare and submit the Academy's Plan to Authorizer are ratified.
2. The Academy's Plan approved by the Authorizer is approved.
3. The Plan is approved by the Academy Board as the COVID-19 Learning Plan Amendment to the Contract. This Contract amendment shall remain in effect as long as the Plan remains in effect.
4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.
5. The Academy will deliver from time to time such information regarding the implementation of the Academy's Plan as the Authorizer or Michigan Department of Education may reasonably request.
6. Any Board policies or provision of Board policies that prohibit or impede the Academy's compliance with the Plan or Executive Order 2020-35 are temporarily waived, suspended or altered.
7. Any actions or actions taken by authorized Academy representatives in the development, submission and implementation of the Plan are (to the extent such actions or actions are not inconsistent with the delegation of authority provided under this resolution) ratified and confirmed in all respects.
8. This Resolution shall take immediate effect and continue through the end of the state of emergency and disaster declared in Executive Order 2020-33 or any other state of emergency or disaster declared in response to COVID-19 during the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Resolution declared adopted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carey Gary", is written over a horizontal line.

Print Name: Carey Gary, Board Secretary