



Continuity of Learning and COVID-19 Response 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: April 13th, 2020

Name of District: Easton Township, Haynor School

Address of District: 1779 Easton Rd., Ionia, MI. 48846-8681

District Code Number: 34340

Email Address of the District: jpung@ioniaisd.org

Name of Intermediate School District: Ionia County ISD

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.

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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: *The district plans to use a hybrid model of instruction using hard copy instructional packets and online learning platforms. For those students that have internet access, but don't have a device, devices will be made available. Students without internet access*

will have access to instructional materials through a weekly instructional packet. All students will need access to materials such as paper, pencils, and crayons, which will be made available to families that don't have them. All students will have access to grade-level/course textbooks as needed to complete their work.

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: Teachers will be expected to make contact with every student at least one time during the week. This may be done through the use of technology (for those that have access) such as Google Hangout, Zoom, or other forms of virtual meetings or through weekly phone calls. For students with technology access teachers will also make sure to communicate multiple times each week through the instructional platforms (Google Classroom, Google Docs, Email, Raz-Plus), with an emphasis on continuing to build relationships and maintain connections. If students do not have access to technology, teachers will include weekly notes to students in their instructional packets (sent via Remind or Text Messaging), or make personal phone calls that focus on building relationships and maintaining connections. We will encourage relationships between students by having students communicate through online platforms, or through teacher-led conference calls.

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

District/ PSA Response: For those students without technology, the main mode of delivery will be through hard copy instructional packets. This will be supplemented with phone conferencing to support instruction. The instructional packets will be delivered through a drop-box system, or mailed to students without transportation. For students with technology, content will be delivered through the online platform, email, and other social media sites (Google Classroom, Remind, etc.). Teachers will be accessible to provide instruction multiple times per week with consistent set office hours for any additional questions or instructional support.

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

District/ PSA Response: For students without technology access, completion of learning packets will be assessed each week, parents may send pictures of completed work via text messaging or Remind. Teachers will review the learning packet and provide feedback to the student during their weekly phone call, virtual meeting, or email. Feedback from the teacher will include differentiated work and adjustments to instruction as needed, along with examples to support student learning. Students that need support may receive additional instruction from our intervention paraprofessional. A phone call would also be used as a follow-up if needed.

For students with technology, teachers will monitor student access and assignment completion on a daily basis within the instructional platform. Teachers will provide differentiated feedback to students on assignments

through the instructional platform as they are completed (or on a daily basis). Teachers will differentiate and adjust instruction within the platform to meet each student's needs.

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:

a. Printing Materials: (general fund)

i. Paper (16 reams, \$52.80)

ii. Ink & Toner (est. \$150.00)

b. Mailing Materials: (general fund)

i. Envelopes (100 count, \$11.19)

ii. Stamps (200 stamps, \$94.00)

c. Building Drop Boxes (general fund) (\$32.74)

d. Additional Online Instructional Resource Subscriptions (REAP)

i. Spelling City (\$69.95)

ii. Super Teacher Resources (\$25.00)

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: All stakeholders were involved in the development of the plan. The building administrator met with teachers for initial input. Parents were surveyed prior to the creation of the plan. Building administrators brought this information back to teachers to collaborate. Before finalizing the plan feedback was sought from board members.

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

District/ PSA Response: The plan will be communicated through a letter to each family. The plan will also be dispersed through email to those that have access. The plan will also be posted to the district website and other social media platforms (Facebook, Remind) as well. To ensure that everyone is aware that the plan has been developed and a phone call message will be sent to all parents without access to technology.

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: *The district will begin the implementation of this plan on April 20th, 2020.*

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: *(Does not apply to k-6 rural schools)*

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

District/ PSA Response: *Easton Township is a two-room schoolhouse servicing 15 students, due to the small environment and lack of building resources and they do not provide lunch services. Families will be provided with a list of community resources (Feeding America, and local food banks) to support food distribution. Students will be encouraged to reach out to our larger local school districts for the continuation of Free and Reduced Breakfast and Lunch programs. Contact information for the local feeding programs will be provided upon request, perceived need during student needs check times with instructors along with encouragement to use the 211 hotline whenever the hotline is applicable.*

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: *The school board has agreed that all district employees will continue to receive their contracted/or hourly pay throughout the remainder of the school year. Those employees without direct deposit will have their paychecks mailed.*

Paraprofessional staff and instructional interventionists will support the implementation of the plan by checking-in with students to support social and emotional, and academic wellbeing. They may also be utilized to support the creation or copying of instructional packets, packet distribution, and tier II instructional support for at-risk students via online platforms, instructional videos, or phone calls to students.

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

District/ PSA Response: *If a student does not have access to technology, teachers will keep track of which students are completing the weekly instructional packets. They will also need to keep a log of all communication with students and parents. If a student has access to technology, teachers will use the instructional platform to monitor student wellness, engagement, and completion of assignments. They will also keep a log of communication with students and families. Inconsistent completion and/or communication with a parent or student will be raised to the principal level to develop a plan to connect with the student and family. Additional support agencies may be sought to make these connections (DHHS, Behavioral Health, etc.).*

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: *While teachers are making weekly connections with students they will monitor and assess the needs of students and families. If a need is presented the teacher will elevate that need to the principal to make the necessary follow-up. The principal will hold weekly meetings with teachers to identify any additional students or families in need. Families may be provided with resources from community mental health services as well as resources from our local ISD school social worker.*

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: *Berlin Township will continue to keep in weekly communication with the Ionia ISD's Superintendent to see if there are ways we can help support child care centers. Staff will support in collecting any necessary information from our families to identify child care centers in our township.*


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: *The district does not plan to adopt a balanced calendar at this time.*

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Date Approved: 4/13/2020

Name of ISD Superintendent/Authorizer Designee:  Ethan Ebenstein

Date Submitted to Superintendent and State Treasurer: 4/13/2020

Confirmation approved Plan is posted on District/PSA web 4/13/2020