

January 19, 2022

Good Evening Families:

COVID-19 and its variants have brought many challenges to the Frankenmuth School District. We have maintained in-person instruction this year while pivoting daily to meet the educational and safety needs of students and staff. The school district’s position is to continue to follow the requirements the Saginaw County Health Department (SCHD) imposes on the district. The public health officials of the SCHD have the ability to implement systemic mandates and adjust when they feel necessary for the well being of our community. We will continue to work closely with the SCHD.

As a recipient of ESSER III federal funding the Frankenmuth School District has been in meaningful consultation with stakeholders through in-person collaboration and a public survey emailed to all families and staff to develop a plan for the use of the ESSER III funds. The district will continue regular consultation with stakeholders and will utilize the funds to prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19 as it relates to students’ academic growth; students, staff, and families’ social and emotional well-being; and students, staff, and families’ health and safety. The following strategies/items have been identified as needs for the Frankenmuth School District to continue to effectively serve our students for the remainder of the school year and into the near future.

ESSER III Project	Strategy/Item for Prevention & Mitigation
Sanitization and cleaning supplies	Custodial Staff will continue deep cleaning to prevent illness from spreading.
Upgrade of HVAC Systems	The district is currently upgrading HVAC systems in each district building to improve air quality and reduce environment health hazards
ESSER III Project	Strategy/Item for Learning Loss
Technology Networking	Provides students with access to online resources and a district device for in-person and remote learning (1 to 1 program)
Summer School Activities	Tier III interventions for identified grade levels and credit recovery for high school students that fell behind because of COVID-19

ESSER III Project	Ensuring Most Vulnerable Populations Unique Needs Are Addressed
Hiring of Additional School Staff	Hiring of school counselor(s) and para-pro(s) to respond to academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students. This also included adding a bus run to lower the number of students in a confined area (eight runs from seven, December 2021)
Acquiring a Health Liaison from the Saginaw County Health Department	Through a federal grant from the CDC we now have Mr. Brad Jeske serving the district as our Health Liaison for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year. He will provide support in COVID-19 related issues and will be on site during school hours Monday through Friday.

In addition to the ESSER III funding, the Frankenmuth School District will also participate in the MI BACKPACK HOME TEST PROGRAM. This program provides a limited number of free, at-home COVID-19 antigen tests to students and staff in Michigan’s schools during the 2021-2022 school year. This pilot program offers one more tool to create a safer environment for students, staff, and families. **THIS IS AN OPT-IN PROGRAM and it is each family’s choice whether or not to participate.** More information on this program will come later this week.

Thanks for your ongoing support of the Frankenmuth School District. Thank you for being here and being part of our Eagle Community.

Sincerely,


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 Superintendent