

## BOARD AGENDA ITEM

DECEMBER 8, 2020

### **SUBJECT:**

Criteria for Changing Instructional Model During Pandemic

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

At its regular meeting on November 17, 2020, the Board directed the superintendent to establish a tiered threshold system based on data provided by the CDC, SCDHEC, school district leaders, and the back to school advisory committee to determine which model – virtual, hybrid, full-time face to face – will be used in schools.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:**

Tiered models provided by the CDC and SCDHEC were used to develop a system to track disease progress and quarantines in schools and identify objective measures for use in determining whether to move to a more restrictive instructional model. A color system is being proposed with green indicating a school is least at risk, yellow indicating elevated caution, orange indicating a warning of action should the trend continue, and red triggering action (detail attached).

The two primary indicators used to determine the need for action are positive cases among students and quarantine and/or isolation of instructional staff. The recommended critical thresholds are >3% for positive cases among students, and >25% for quarantine/isolation of instructional staff.

The Transportation Department will assess its manpower needs for providing safe and efficient transportation for students and track the status of drivers and monitors by area. That information will be used to make recommendations to the superintendent that could affect instructional models.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the superintendent to change the instructional model of individual schools if positive Covid cases among students exceed 3 percent or if the aggregate of instructional staff in isolation or quarantine exceeds 25 percent.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

Indicators and Thresholds for Recommending Changes in Instructional Delivery Models

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### Indicators and Thresholds for Recommending Changes in Instructional Delivery Models

We will track **Positive Cases** among Students and **Quarantines/Isolation** of Teachers by school to determine when a site will move to a more restrictive instructional delivery model.

The Superintendent will track and review positive case numbers by school daily and make the decision to move a site to a more restrictive instructional delivery model.

We will use the categories Green, Yellow, Orange and Red for decisions per the tables below:

Positive Cases Among Students			
Green	Yellow	Orange	Red
< 1%	1% to <2%	2% to 3%	>3%
		*Warning Issued	**Immediate Move
A warning is issued at Orange. At Red the superintendent will move the school to the next restrictive instructional delivery model for a period of two weeks or until the school returns to the yellow or green category.			

Quarantine & Isolation of Teachers/Instructional Staff			
Green	Yellow	Orange	Red
<10%	<20%	<25%	>25%
		*Warning Issued	
The principal monitors and makes a recommendation to superintendent when the school hits RED. At that point the superintendent will consider a move for that school to remote learning for a period of one week.			

The threshold percentages will be used to determine actual numbers for each school in each category. Decisions will be made by school/site, then by attendance area, then by district.

The ACPSD Transportation Office will track bus drivers and bus monitors by area and make decision recommendations based on routes, by attendance area.