

# Grove Street Academy

School Reopening Plan  
Fall 2020



# Our Goal

- ◆ In planning for reopening, our main concern is for the safety of our students and staff. Our goal is to ensure the continued health and safety of the school community while still providing the highest quality of instruction and services for our children. The Principal and Assistant Principal of the Grove Street Academy are serving as the school's COVID-19 safety coordinators. We proudly present this plan embracing these joint endeavors.

# Academics

- ◆ All instruction for our residential students will be in-person everyday.
- ◆ For day students, parents may opt for either in-person, everyday instruction OR continued distance learning
  - ◆ Teachers will be closely monitoring and tracking parent contact and student engagement during the distance learning process. This will count as a record of student attendance.
- ◆ Based on future developments and mandates, Grove Street Academy is prepared to modify our scheduling for all students.
- ◆ Class ratios defined in student IEPs will be maintained (6:1:1, 8:1:1)

# Academics, cont

- ◆ Parents of day students may contact their children's home school districts to obtain internet-accessible devices if needed. While distance learning work from Grove Street Academy will be primarily paper-based, teachers may occasionally opt to provide tech-based work as well. Also, primary communication between teachers and families will be via email.
- ◆ Required supplemental services (speech, counseling, occupational therapy) will be provided for all students attending in-person.
- ◆ Counseling services will be provided for all students attending via distance learning

# Social-Emotional Well-Being

- ◆ Grove Street Academy is proud to present the Positivity Project for the 2020-2021 school year! This social-emotional curriculum is designed to help our students build strong, healthy relationships by recognizing the strengths within themselves and others. While we had already planned on rolling out this program, we feel the timing now is especially pertinent as a way of supporting our students through the emotional challenges they have surely faced during the global pandemic.
- ◆ In addition to all staff utilizing this program, our school guidance team is available to all students in need of additional supports.

# Social-Emotional Well-Being

- ◆ All staff are continuing their training and usage of Therapeutic Crisis Intervention in managing student behavior.
- ◆ Restorative intervention practices, such as community building and self-reflection, are embedded in instruction.
- ◆ Staff training on trauma-informed care will be presented during the course of the school year

# Physical Health and Safety

## ◆ Daily Procedures

- ◆ All school community members are required to maintain a social distance of six feet.
- ◆ All school community members are required to wear approved face coverings during the school day.
- ◆ Hand sanitizing stations are available in common areas throughout the building and teachers are equipped with both hand sanitizers and cleaning supplies for classroom use.
- ◆ Frequent hand-washing is encouraged for all.

# Physical Health and Safety, cont

## ◆ Entry Procedures

- ◆ All staff, students, and scheduled visitors will be checked into the building each morning. They will have their temperatures taken and logged by our school nurses and will need to answer the necessary questions as per CDC guidelines.
- ◆ All staff and residential students will be checked in through the main entrance doors.
- ◆ All day students will be checked in through the side doors on Abruyn Street when disembarking from the school buses.

# Physical Health and Safety, cont

## ◆ Classroom Protocols

- ◆ All desks must be arranged allowing for 6 foot social distance between each.
- ◆ All desks, including the teacher's desk, must be facing the same direction in the classroom.
- ◆ All students and staff must wear approved face coverings.
- ◆ All teachers are equipped with hand sanitizers and cleaning supplies
- ◆ Teachers will be required to educate students on proper hygiene and disease prevention upon return.
- ◆ Students are prohibited from sharing equipment in the classroom, including, but not limited to: pencils, rulers, sports gear, etc.
  - ◆ Should equipment sharing be unavoidable, teachers are required to clean items before turning over to another student.

# Physical Health and Safety, cont

## ◆ Common Areas

- ◆ Floors will be marked in common areas with 6 foot indicators to help maintain social distancing.
- ◆ The school building, including all classrooms, will be cleaned daily as per CDC guidelines
- ◆ Signage will be visible in common areas to promote education on preventing the spread of COVID-19 and encouraging good hygiene practices.
- ◆ Extra PPE are stored in the school office and are available as needed.
- ◆ Water fountains are not to be used unless they are designed to be bottle filling stations.
- ◆ School lunches will be served in the classrooms. The school cafeteria will be closed to prevent large gatherings.

# Physical Health and Safety, cont

## ◆ PPE

- ◆ Students and staff are required to wear appropriate face coverings during the school day, unless they pose a threat to the physical or mental health. These can either be brought from home, or can be obtained from the school office. Plastic face shields are not approved face coverings as per Department of Health guidelines, unless an approved mask is worn beneath.

# Physical Health and Safety, cont

## ◆ Health Services

- ◆ Should a student or staff member become ill with a possible COVID-19 symptom during the school day, they will be held in a separate containment room designated for this purpose until they are able to be picked up or leave the building safely.
- ◆ The containment room is separate from the nurse's office and is only to be used **only** for this purpose. The containment room is proximal to the Abruyn Street exit, which ill students and staff will be required to use for leaving the building.
- ◆ Anyone sent home with suspected COVID-19 symptoms can only return 72 hours after symptom resolution
- ◆ Should a student or staff member test positive for COVID-19, they can only return to work or school with written permission from a doctor.
- ◆ The school will work collaboratively with the local Department of Health to determine when and how a school closure will be enacted due to a realized or potential COVID-19 threat.

# Next Steps

- ◆ Parents and Guardians of day students are asked to contact the school administration regarding their choice of either in-person or distance learning for the 2020-2021 academic year.
  - ◆ Parents may arrange with home school districts for technology needs.
  - ◆ Transportation for day students is the responsibility of the home school district.
- ◆ Grove Street Academy is scheduled to begin the 2020-2021 academic year on Wednesday, September 9, 2020
- ◆ Grove Street Academy is prepared to alter this plan as needed to remain in compliance with changing expectations from state and local officials.