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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

DATE: February 15, 2022

FROM: Deborah Rumbaugh

RE: Memorandum of Agreement with the Snohomish Health District for the Washington State Department of Health Regarding Implementation of the Washington State Department of Health "Test to Stay Program"

TYPE: Action Required

At the [October 5, 2021, regular board meeting](#), the board approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the Snohomish Health District for the "Test to Stay Program." (The program is now referred to as the "Return to Learn" program.) The Department of Health has made changes to the "Participation" section of the agreement; therefore, School Board approval is required.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the Snohomish Health District regarding the implementation of the Washington State Department of Health "Test to Stay" ("Return to Learn Program") as modified.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT ("SHD") AND STANWOOD-CAMANO SCHOOL DISTRICT ("DISTRICT") REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH "TEST TO STAY PROGRAM."

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has provided optional strategies for school districts to utilize in order to permit students and staff with close contacts to remain in school; and

WHEREAS, a school district must adopt the DOH Test to Stay Program to allow close contacts to stay in school during their modified quarantine period; and

WHEREAS, prior to adopting this program, the school district must receive approval from their local public health jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to formalize the terms under which SHD approval will be granted.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. **Replacement of Prior Agreement.** The Parties acknowledge that the Prior Agreement dated October 3, 2021, is hereby replaced in its entirety by this Agreement.
2. **District Supervision.** To participate in the Test to Stay Program, the District must identify a COVID-19 Coordinator/Supervisor. The following individual is hereby identified by the District:
 - o COVID-19 Coordinator/Supervisor overseeing program: **Mary Hoffman**
 - o Contact information:
 - o Phone: **(360)502-6445**
 - o Email: **mhoffman@stanwood.wednet.edu**
3. **Participation.** The District understands that in order to participate in DOH's Test to Stay Program it must:
 - o Collect consent and registration forms from parent/guardian of students.
 - o Inform staff/students that they may continue to attend class and participate in extracurricular activities in a modified quarantine status for 5 days after exposure (the date of last close contact is considered day 0), if they:
 - o Are tested at least twice during the 5 days of quarantine; AND
 - o Are asymptomatic; AND
 - o Continue to wear a well-fitting mask when around others; AND
 - o Continue to quarantine from (i.e., not participate in) all non-school-related social gatherings and community activities. They may participate in extracurricular activities at school, including sports, and can attend

childcare or youth development programs provided before and after school.

- Perform testing at school. Tests conducted at home by the parent, guardian, or individual will not be accepted.
- Use the test specified by the District (e.g., rapid antigen, pooled viral test). Please indicate testing type and expected cadence: **Rapid Antigen. Will test immediately upon designation as a close contact, then in the 5-7 day window.**
- Have a Certificate of Waiver MTS/CLIA license (if applicable based on test type above). License number: **50D22077622**
- Report all test results, both positive and negative, to SHD within 24 hours of testing.
- Follow the DOH Test to Stay protocol with at least two tests: one conducted as soon as possible following recognition of the exposure (i.e., the same or next school day) and one collected 5-7 days after last exposure. If testing is not conducted per this schedule, individuals must follow standard quarantine guidance.

Staff and students are eligible to participate, even when exposed outside of school. If it is a household exposure, staff or student must continue testing through duration of case's isolation period (or day of last exposure if isolating separately), plus their own five-day quarantine period. If a secondary case in the household occurs, the duration of testing is extended for the staff or student based on the secondary case's isolation period plus five days.

4. **Revocation.** The District understands that authorization to participate in the Test to Stay Program is conditional and may be revoked at any time by the Health Officer should they, at their sole discretion, determine that COVID-19 infection/transmission rates are such that a modified quarantine program and testing are inadequate to prevent the spread of COVID-19 or that its implementation by the District is not satisfactory due to failures in one or more of the items set forth above.

Signed this 4th day of February, 2022.

Snohomish Health District

Stanwood-Camano School District

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