

Pribilof School District American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Mitigation Plan Template

August 1, 2023

Note to Districts

Districts may use the sample template below as a framework for the information to be included in their ARP Act Mitigation Plan. Districts are not required to follow this sample template or framework, but if they include all of the items listed below, they will have incorporated the information required by section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP Act.



Contact Information

District Information

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Assurance Agreement for ARP Act Mitigation Plan

The district assures either:

- a) It will, within 30 days of receiving ARP ESSER funds, develop and make publicly available on the district's website a mitigation plan for the safe return and/or continuation of in-person instruction and continuity of services as required in section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP and in the U.S. Department of Education's Interim Final Requirements, or
- b) It developed and made publicly available on the district's website such a mitigation plan that meets statutory requirements before the enactment of the ARP Act that meets -federal requirements. (The ARP Act was enacted on March 11, 2021)

The district assures that:

- a) It will periodically review and revise its mitigation plan, as appropriate, no less frequently than every six months for the duration of the ARP ESSER grant period (i.e., through September 30, 2023); and
- b) It will seek public input, and take such input into account, on (1) whether revisions are necessary and, if so, (2) the proposed revisions to the mitigation plan.

Before making the mitigation plan publicly available, the district **must seek public comment on the mitigation plan** and take such comments into account in the development of the plan.

Name of Superintendent: Michael Baldwin

Signature: Michael Baldwin

Date: August 1, 2023



Mitigation Plan

Plan Components

Districts must implement, to the greatest extent practicable, prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff. Describe the extent to which the district adopted policies and a description of such policies on each of the strategies listed below:

Current CDC Guidelines advise that the 3 components below are implemented in a manner that limits implementation to 1 level at a time as a means of monitoring that level for student/staff safety. The levels below are in order of implementation (at least initially). The 1st level implemented will be Physical Distancing, at the time this was put together, the lessening of Social Distancing distances had already been reduced from 6 to 3 feet. We will not be social distancing, unless active COVID cases arise within the community. After that, Step the 2nd Level will be implemented. That 2nd level student will not be required to wear mask, but recommend to wear them after travel off the island or active covid case is in school. That decision will be based upon CDSC information and City Mandates. With the 3rd level, in many respects, that will be continuous from when we begin the school year (and should never change)

1. <u>Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/pods)</u>

For 2023-2024 school year, the Pribilof School District intends on having all its students here with no Social Distancing unless positive covid cases are on the island, or a student was in class with COVID.

2. Masks

For 2023-2024, mask are not required, but recommended for 5 days if an active COVID case is in school.

Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

For 2023-2024, the Pribilof School District will have the following in place:

- Wash stations associated with all our restroom facilities
- Each classroom in our building has a sink with hand washing stations setup.
- Sanitizer stations setup in classrooms and throughout the building.
- K-5 students will be taught how to correctly wash their hands and use sanitizer without being wasteful
- Students at a young age are also taught how to cover their mouths and to be appropriate when they have to cough/sneeze. This is reinforced as our students age and gain maturity.
- The district is setup with temp check stations as need arises.

3. <u>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation</u>



For 2023-2024, the Pribilof School District will have the following in place:

- Teachers will clean student work areas between classes, including wiping off student's computer keyboards and screens
- Custodial staff and maintenance will clean all facilities during lunch and after school, with spot cleaning during the course of the day.
- In regard to when cleaning takes place, please note that the district does not run either a transportation or meal program (Breakfast/Lunch). It never has since its inception. Students and staff go home for lunch, which allows cleaning of rooms and hallways to take place.
- Ventilation Each of the classrooms has an inside door and an outside door (to the outside of the building). Air handlers are cycled throughout the day, and filters are changed monthly.
- 4. <u>Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State,</u> <u>local, territorial, or Tribal health departments</u>

The Pribilof School District will work with our Clinic, and if needed, local public safety if Contact Tracing is needed. If positive test with a student, that student will be sent home and is close contact within a classroom of students, all students and staff from that class, depending on size, will have class, social distance in the library, and wear mask for 5 days.

5. Diagnostic and screening testing

Currently, the Pribilof School District does not intend on screening students for 2023-2024, unless sufficient cause is given to warrant it. If there is a more heightened presence of COVID on our island, remote learning becomes an option at that point. As of now, there is no need. The school district will not be testing students, in return, have parents test their child.

6. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible

Teachers and Classified staff are mostly vaccinated and listed as Essential by the community. Vaccination of students began as of May 2021.

7. <u>Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety</u> <u>policies</u>

Currently, this situation does not exist here, but if it did, we would be setup for the situation. The main school building of the Pribilof School District – the school in St Paul, AK is 100% Handicapped Accessible. The building is on 1 floor.

Continuity of Services

Describe how the district will ensure continuity of services including, but not limited to, services to address students' academic needs, as well as the social, emotional, mental health, and other needs of students and staff (e.g., student health and food service).



- This was not an issue for 2022-2023, as our students attended school live for the entire year. The intent is for that to take place again for 2023-2024. What follows is what we will do if that can't take place.
- The internet in the community is getting better outside the school, as it is satellite-based but at times with slow video latency. Packets and projects have been used extensively previously as a source of instruction. We are small enough to individualize instruction.
- Chromebooks are issued to students 1 to 1 from grades 4-12, with the option of dropping down further with guidance to parents and students. As a district, this has had limited success.
- District uses the Acellus platform for electronic curriculum and distance learning needs. With our limited staff size, this became necessary to meet curriculum area needs of the student body.
- Canvas was available to use for Fall 2021 as a source on online classes and curriculum.
- Teachers consistently and daily contact students on a 1 to 1 basis when being in school wasn't an option.
- The district has used Kernals of Learning in addition to individual classroom work for SEL and presently with the Tribe/ South Central Health on SEL lessons weekly. The district does not employ a Counselor due to isolation of the district and small student body. The Superintendent/Principal and classroom teachers handle many of those duties given the small class sizes. 95-100% of our 9-12 students complete most of their high school credits off island in boarding school, despite our K-12 status. Many of those SEL opportunities take place there.

Periodic Review

Describe how the district will periodically review and revise its mitigation plan, as appropriate, including a description of how the district will seek public input and take such input into account on (1) whether revisions are necessary and, if so, (2) the proposed revisions to the plan. Important Note: The district must review its mitigation plan no less frequently than every six months for the duration of the ARP ESSER grant period (i.e., through September 30, 2023).

- At the time ARP came out, the Pribilof School District was out of school for the summer. The Island was "opening up" and many of our families were getting ready for off-island vacations. The following survey was put forth on our district website (below).
- The mitigation plan will be put on KUHB social media Facebook and on local private group buy/ sale/ trade, for input and comment.

URL Addresses for reviewing both the Pribilof School District Community Survey (still active) and the Mitigation Plan are below:

- District Website <u>https://sites.google.com/pribilofsd.org/psd/home</u> then Look to the left. Click or Copy/Paste what follows below.
- Mitigation Plan: <u>https://sites.google.com/pribilofsd.org/psd/mitigation-plan-2022-</u> 2023?authuser=0
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This survey can also be found on both the public KUHB Facebook page and St Paul Buy/Sell/Trade page – a private Facebook group.

PSD 2021-2022 Stakeholder

<u>Survey</u>

We know that the pandemic has brought about great changes and challenges to our homes and school district. As we plan for the 2021-2022 school year, we look forward to returning to more of what we are accustomed. We also acknowledge the unique needs that must be met in this transition. To help us plan, The Pribilof School District is seeking input from stakeholders about what is working well and what challenges we are still facing as a district. We would appreciate your thoughts on strategies and practices that have worked for your family this year, as well as the needs and suggestions you have for the upcoming year. Please take a few moments to share your thoughts in this brief survey. It is asked with this survey that the answers given for suggestion be something that could realistically be accomplished. Thank-you for your input on helping improve our district's responsiveness towards our student's needs.