



COVID-19 Operations Written Report for Fort Sage Unified School District

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Descriptions provided should include sufficient detail yet be sufficiently succinct to promote a broader understanding of the changes your LEA has put in place. LEAs are strongly encouraged to provide descriptions that do not exceed 300 words.

Provide an overview explaining the changes to program offerings that the LEA has made in response to school closures to address the COVID-19 emergency and the major impacts of the closures on students and families.

Fort Sage Unified School District serves 151 students in the South Lassen County area. Prior to the Covid-19 distance learning, our district already had a well-established hybrid learning program. The district was officially a 1:1 technology district at the start of the 2019-2020 school year in August. The district also offered at least one (1) T-Mobile hotspot per household for students enrolled in the district by October 2019. Teachers were offered full G+ Suite professional development including Google Classroom throughout the first semester beginning in July 2019 through the services of EdTech. Teachers in the district had been implementing Google Classroom in a hybrid format for the past two (2) school years, with solid implementation for technology learning using the SMAR Technology Standards to develop Quality Tier-1 Instruction focused on the highly leveraged California State Standards.

At the time of the Covid-19 crisis, teachers and students were well-prepared to transition from a hybrid classroom learning environment to full implementation of a distance learning program. The district offered teachers a virtual live professional development for student social emotional learning to address the social and emotional support needs of their students through an online environment. During this time students were given the opportunity to improve their third (3rd) quarter grades. On April 14th after the conclusion of the already scheduled Spring Break, the school district went to full implementation of online distance learning.

Special education teacher arrange for services during this time. Students were offered free meals distributed every Tuesday for the week for both breakfast and lunch. Teachers communicated with families and students via email, Zoom, and through the Aeries Communications Software. To date approximately 80-85% of district students have been engaged with the online distance program.

Provide a description of how the LEA is meeting the needs of its English learners, foster youth and low-income students.

The District made every attempt to offer services and resources to meet the needs of our unduplicated students. The district does not have English Language Learners enrolled this school year but is ready to implement support should a student or family move into the area.

To meet the needs of our foster and economically disadvantaged students and their families, the District aligned with the Fort Sage Resource Center to arrange for meals while the District awaited the grant money permissions for the Covid-19 crisis. Upon acceptance from the State for the meal grant, the district offered breakfast and lunch to every child in the zone of the District even if they were not enrolled in the district. Meals were dispersed weekly to cover five (5) school days.

The District has not had a school counselor for several years. The social and emotional well-being of our students has always remained a central focus of the District. To meet this need, the teachers were offered a series of professional development throughout the school year on social emotional learning. The teachers and staff have been reaching out to students by phone and messenger and meeting through Zoom to ensure they are safe and okay. Additional services have been provided by the Fort Sage Family Resource Center (FRC) as well and Lassen County Foster Youth Services.

Provide a description of the steps that have been taken by the LEA to continue delivering high-quality distance learning opportunities.

The District has taken every step available to deliver high-quality distance learning. The plan is to continue to implement the SMAR and highly leveraged standards in lessons for an engaging and fun learning experience for students. Teacher have been offering opportunities during scheduled Zoom meetings and other outreach to students, for students to address their concerns or vent and question what is happening. The teachers have been sensitive to the unique circumstances that the Covid-19 situation has developed. Teachers are prepared to refer students for services to the county if the need arises for the student or their family's well-being.

The District will continue to arrange for support to teachers, students, and families to promote quality tier-1 learning. The District plans to continue with virtual professional development in Google Classroom tools and implementing SMAR technology standards. Teachers will continue to reach out to students and touch base with families. The school offices for both school sites and for our Charters have been open during normal business hours for parents to call in and ask questions or to have other resource needs met.

Provide a description of the steps that have been taken by the LEA to provide school meals while maintaining social distancing practices.

The District first arranged meals through the Fort Sage Family Resource Center (FRC). The school transferred the perishables to the FRC and they prepared meals for distribution to the students while the District awaited the plan approval for meal distribution from the State. Once the approval was received, the school prepared boxes with nutritious breakfasts and lunches for each child under the age of 18 living within the zone of the district even if they were not enrolled in the district. The meals were distributed for one week at a time in order to limit our staff to the exposure to Covid-19. To distribute the meals, four (4) pickup stations were established in our zone where students could come with a parent to pick up their meals for the week. Social distancing guidelines were followed as recommended by the State including wearing proper personal protective equipment (PPE) and maintaining a six-foot distance barrier. Records were kept for each student receiving meal boxes. We have had a large turnout for the meal boxes serving over 70% of our students and those within the community we serve. The District applied for a Summer Meal Extension Program with the state to continue to arrange for meals for our students after the school year ends.

Provide a description of the steps that have been taken by the LEA to arrange for supervision of students during ordinary school hours.

For younger students in the district, the primary school teachers held regular Zoom meeting classrooms at set times to help check on students' well-being and to assist on supervision. At the older group at least one high school teacher maintained regular Zoom meetings three (3) times a week for students to check in and ask questions or just visit. Other high school teachers were regularly checking in with students to ensure they were ok. It was determined that there was adequate supervision for those families with essential workers. In conjunction with local health department and licensed child care providers, it was determined child care for essential workers was adequate in Lassen County.