ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

1. How will the district ensure continuity of services for academic needs of students? SMSD will deliver face-to-face/in-person learning in 2021-2022. We will have a distance learning option in place only for medically fragile students or those who reside with a medically fragile person.

2. What is the school district's plan for safely scheduling face-to-face instructional delivery students when school opens? (prioritized content, accelerated learning opportunities, intensive tutoring, after-school learning opportunities, etc.)
SMSD will concentrate on the College and Career Readiness essential standards. Teachers will utilize gap testing data and beginning of the year diagnostics to determine a plan for scaffolding instruction. In addition to intensive Tier I instruction, interventionists and tutors will work with students to bridge any gaps.

3. What is the school district's contingency plan for scheduling instructional delivery to students should the district or school(s) have to close due to an outbreak (i.e., COVID-19, influenza)?
In the case of an outbreak and subsequent quarantine or closing, instruction will be delivered via distance learning.

4. How will the school district monitor student progress at the elementary, middle, and secondary level, for both in-person students and students who may be receiving virtual instruction due to an underlying medical condition? SMSD will monitor progress for all students through the MTSS process.

5. How will the school district ensure continuity of staff observation and feedback cycles, for both in-person and virtual instruction?
We will use the Professional Growth Model for both in-person and face-to-face instruction.

6. How will the school district gather feedback from staff about instructional programming and needed supports?
The district will gather feedback through both face-to-face discussions and surveys regarding needs and supports.

OPERATIONS

7. What is the school district's process for student arrival and dismissal?
Upon arrival at school, students will proceed directly to classrooms. Dismissal will follow normal bell schedules. Bell schedules will be available online in June.

8. How will the school district provide transportation? (include description of district protocols: windows, masks on bus, cleaning schedule, seating arrangement based on loading order / unloading order)
Masks are optional for bus drivers, monitors, and students.   Windows will be adjusted according to need. Buses will be cleaned on a routine basis. Seats will be assigned and seating charts will be used.

9. Where will the school district provide meals to students?
Meals will be provided in the cafeteria.

10. What is the school district's academic calendar for the 2021-22 school year?

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPOR

11. How will the school district provide academic support to families?

    Schools will communicate students' progress on a regular basis through ActiveParent, SchoolStatus, and Google Classroom. Teachers will continually monitor student performance and learning needs, and then adjust how and what they teach to improve student learning. Schools will assess and identify the academic strengths and weaknesses of students in need of academic support instruction by conducting formal and multiple assessment measures, evaluating multiple assessment and observational data, consulting with teachers and staff members, and reviewing recommendations made by personnel.

12. How will the school district gather feedback from families of diverse student groups about instructional programming and needed supports?
    The district will gather feedback through surveying families and offering meetings. Feedback will also be gathered through parent/teacher conferences.

COMMUNICATIONS

13. How will the school district communicate regularly with families to promote healthy behaviors to reduce spread?
    SMSD will communicate with families via the website, SchoolStatus, and Google Classroom. We will continue to have sanitizing stations and signage promoting healthy behaviors. Teachers will continue to emphasize proper handwashing techniques.

14. How will the school district communicate health and safety issues or necessary changes to the district's regular operating schedule?
    Communication will come from SchoolStatus, Google Classroom, district website, and emails.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

14. What specific policies has the district adopted regarding CDC safety recommendations?
    In our return to school plan, SMSD noted we would adhere in a good faith effort to the CDC guidelines.

16. How will the district address the social, emotional, mental health, and other needs of students and staff?
    SMSD has adopted and purchased an SEL curriculum K-12. We will provide training to SEL teams this summer, who will then share with the school teams.

17. What specific steps has the school district taken to address air quality within school facilities?

    SMSD is in the process of purchasing and installing UV air filtration and purifiers systems in all buildings.

18. Does the school district plan to require daily health screening by families before students come to school?
    No

19. Does the school district plan to conduct temperature checks for staff and students upon arrival?
    No

20. Does the school district plan to require masks of students and adults while being transported and on campus?

    Masks will be optional.

21. If requiring masks of students, what ages / grade levels will be required to wear a mask?

N/A

22. What is the school district's comprehensive plan for regularly cleaning the following areas?
    - Buildings, classrooms, and common areas
    - Food and nutritional service areas
    - Transportation (buses, service areas, and equipment)
    - Areas associated with cocurricular or extracurricular events

    We will continue daily cleaning of buildings, classrooms, and common areas, as well as food service, and transportation. We will routinely fog all common areas of each building. We will clean and sanitize event areas on an as needed basis.

23. How will the school district identify and address the needs of students and staff with underlying health conditions? SMSD has developed a form and process to determine the needs of students with underlying health conditions. We will work with staff on an individual basis.

24. Who is responsible for overseeing health and safety within the school district? Director of School Operations Jeff Underwood and Safety Director Jim Howington.

25. How does the school district intend to ensure safety of students, staff, and spectators involved in cocurricular and extracurricular activities (athletics, band, choir, etc.)?

    SMSD will continuously monitor the most up-to-date CDC guidelines.

TECHNOLOGY

26. How will the district utilize technology to enhance in-person learning and support remote learning for students as needed?

    SMSD will continue our 1:1 technology initiative and use Google Classroom as a Learning Management System.

27. How will the district identify the professional learning needs of staff in utilizing technology to enhance in-person learning and support remote learning?

    The district will provide surveys to teachers to determine the learning needs in regard to professional learning.