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**Applicant:** 80 6041 HATIKVAH INTERNATIONAL CS - Middlesex  
**Application:** American Rescue Plan - ESSER -  
**Cycle:** 00- Original Application

**Project Period:** 3/13/2020 - 9/30/2024

**Application Sections**

American Rescue Plan Consolidated

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Safe Return Plan	Safe Return Plan Update	Safe Return Plan Assurance
<b>SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION</b>		

(1) IN GENERAL - A local educational agency receiving funds under this section shall develop and make publicly available on the local educational agency’s website, not later than 30 days after receiving the allocation of funds described in paragraph (d)(1), a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services.

2) COMMENT PERIOD.—Before making the plan described in paragraph (1) publicly available, the local educational agency shall seek public comment on the plan and take such comments into account in the development of the plan.

Support for Schools: Describe how the LEA will support its schools in safely returning to in-person instruction and sustaining safe operation. This description must include:

*For each mitigation strategy listed below, please describe how the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.*

**LEA Response Table**

1) Universal and correct wearing of masks

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All faculty, staff, and students are required to wear a minimum of two to three ply masks at all times except when eating or drinking. Neck gaiters/valve masks are not permitted. Students must wear masks that they can manage independently, provided by their family and provided by the faculty and staff for personal use other than health office staff for whom the school will provide equipment. Masks must be worn during all transitions (arrival, dismissal, hallways) and in restrooms. The school will have extra masks to use when someone forgets a mask. Parents are required to wear masks or face coverings (at least two or three ply; no neck gaiters and no valve masks) during drop off and pick up. The school regularly reviews appropriate mask wearing with students.

### **2) Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding)**

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In classrooms, Plexiglass will be used as a physical distancing mechanism to avoid large airborne particles from directly spraying others while students are sitting at desks or tables since it is physically impossible to separate students at least three feet from each other. Teachers will use Plexiglass when possible to teach small groups. When students are outside to eat, drink, or for recess, they will be permitted to be maskless unless they are participating in a close activity such as on the playground equipment.

### **3) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette**

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All stakeholders will receive training on handwashing with soap for at least 20 seconds or use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, before and after preparing and/or eating food, treating a cut or wound, using the toilet, blowing their nose, coughing or sneezing.

### **4) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation**

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In addition to upgrading all HVAC filters in 2020-2021 to MERV 13, and ensuring that the fresh airflow was appropriate at the time that it was checked, Hatikvah electronically tied the HVAC units together in order to monitor fresh airflow from one central location. In instances where stationary windows exist, Hatikvah installed windows that open. Cleaning and facility maintenance occurs on a consistent basis throughout the school day and after students and staff leave. Specifically, teachers are provided anti-bacterial sprays/wipes, and clean surfaces during the day as needed. The school custodian routinely moves throughout the building, sanitizing bathrooms and other public spaces during the school day. Additionally, a team of professional cleaners provide thorough cleaning each day after hours. Due to COVID, the school added an additional afterschool crew in January 2022 to assist with cleaning.

### **5) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments**

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Hatikvah will follow the guidance set-forth for schools from the NJ Department of Health and the Governor's office. The school will closely monitor Middlesex County information to determine when the geographic area has moved to a high risk or very high risk and will follow recommendations that apply to quarantines and safety including any recommendations for COVID testing prior to returning to school or work after exposures to COVID positive cases or symptoms consistent with COVID.

### **6) Diagnostic and screening testing**

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Hatikvah screens faculty, staff, and students for fevers at the entrances of the school.

### **7) Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible**

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Vaccination sites and information have been routinely shared with school staff and the parent community. Hatikvah offered a voluntary in-school vaccination

opportunity for everyone who responded in November and in December 2021. PTO, parents, and staff members served as volunteers to secure vaccination appointments for those needing assistance. The Board of Trustees requires faculty and staff to be fully vaccinated in order to work in the school (allowing accommodations as required by law).

**8) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies**  
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Hatikvah will follow all Individualized Education Plans and Section 504 documents that include medical documentation (medical diagnosis by a medical doctor e.g. severe asthma) permitting students to refrain from wearing masks or allowing students to take mask-breaks. When permitted by law and when not prohibited by a medical doctor or the CDC, students who have accommodations to go mask-less must be fully vaccinated in order to protect faculty, staff, and other students.