BCPS NTI PLAN

April 2021

KDE NTI Guidance: 2021-2022 School Year

- The district NTI Plan is now a diagnostic submitted through the Comprehensive District Improvement Plan, Phase 4 called the ***"Continuation of Learning Plan (CLP)"*** which is completed in the state eProve system
- NTI reverts back to its original purpose and guidelines
- Per KRS 158.070 (9) for the 2021-2022 school year, "***the commissioner of education may grant up to the equivalent of ten (10) student attendance days for school districts that have a non-traditional instruction plan approved by the commissioner on days when the school district is closed for health or safety reasons.***"
- There will NOT be unlimited days in 2021-2022
- The NTI program is a safety net; school districts are not required to use the plan even if plan approved by Commissioner of Education
- Districts do not build NTI days into the school calendar
- NTI days are not pre-approved, therefore, the district must request approval for the day(s) to be used as student attendance days after the days have occurred
- Guidance for student and teacher participation will be developed and shared prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year

NonTraditional Day Usage Recommendations

- Only 10 instructional days can be utilized as NTI days for the 2021-2022 School year

- NTI days can be utilized for the following reasons:
  - Illness (COVID or Flu outbreak)
  - Road conditions are deemed too dangerous for bus travel

- All staff will report to their assigned work locations on NTI days (with the exception of School Nutrition Staff)
  - School staff will be permitted to bring their school aged children with them

- If road conditions are too hazardous for any travel, then a traditional snow day will be utilized

NonTraditional Day Vision

- Bullitt County Public Schools vision for ensuring a continuation of learning is grounded on our mission statement which is: "Our mission is to inspire and equip our students to succeed in life."
- Due to the fact that our district is 1:1 in Grades K-12, the learning that will occur on non-traditional days will a continuation of what is occurring in the classroom, from the day before, because teachers and students are already implementing digital learning teaching and learning tools and strategies in the traditional classroom. Our students are able to have 24-hour access to resources and learning platforms when and where they need it to assist them in learning.
- The vision of our Continuation of Learning Plan is that despite students and teachers potentially teaching and learning remotely, productive learning will continue as if an in-person instructional day has not been "missed" when school is called off in certain circumstances.

Continuation of Learning

- All students in our district are issued a Chromebook in Grades K-12, therefore, students and families have technology available when in-person instruction is not feasible.
- Mifi devices are also provided to students without internet access to ensure equal access to internet access.
- Through the use of Chromebooks, instruction will be delivered through synchronous virtual meetings in whole group, small group, and one-on-one as appropriate.
- Teachers will also utilize learning platforms and technology digital tools to provide students with learning experiences, activites, and direct instruction. Formative assessment tools will be used as well to provide teachers with insight on learning progress on non-traditional instruction days.
- Bullitt County Public Schools will blend current learning management systems with district and school purchased web-based software programming available to all students and at each individual school. All digital assignments will be aligned to the Kentucky Academic Standards to ensure district pacing guide implementation.
- Students will have access to their teachers through virtual meetings, email, and telephone as needed.

Students with Disabilities

- Each day of NTI the Special Education teachers will attempt to make a personal contact with each student on their caseload and offer Specially Designed Instruction (SDI) based on student Individualized Education Plans (IEP).
- A letter will be sent home to parents explaining the use of NTI days, and a copy of that letter will be filed in the students' due process folder. Special education teachers will communicate with regular education teachers to assure appropriate modifications and accommodations are provided.
- Special and regular education teachers will be available to answer parents' questions during the set school hours on NTI days.
- At annual review meetings the ARC will discuss any plan that may be needed relating specifically to how accommodations will be met on NTI days. ARC decisions will be communicated to all stakeholders as necessary. Regular and special education teachers will provide contact information to parents for assistance.

EL Learners, Gifted and Talented, 504 Plans

- Bullitt County Public Schools will ensure implementation of English Learner Program Service Plans (PSP), Gifted Student Service Plans (GSSP), and 504 Plans by making sure appropriate teachers have access to these plans for each individual student.
- ***New Update:*** English Learner PSPs will now be in Infinite Campus so teachers have access electronically.
- Our teachers of the above special populations will continue to provide differentiated instruction that mirrors what is done on a regular basis as developed with collaboration through the English Language Teacher and Gifted and Talented Teachers.
- The English Language Teacher and Gifted and Talented teachers will also be available via phone, email, video conference, etc. for students to access during the certified staff designated work times.
- The school counselor and classroom teachers will collaborate to support students with 504 Plans.
- In addition, communication to parents regarding services provided on NTI days will be communicated at the beginning at the year and through timely communication when an NTI day occurs.

Social and emotional support

- Community building is a focus for all teachers in Bullitt County Public Schools which emphasizes attending to students social and emotional needs individually and collectively as a tool to enhance learning outcomes for students. Teachers will be available to provide student academic and social/emotional support throughout the day.
- School counselors will coordinate with teachers so that students and families can access counseling support as well.
- In addition, we will continue to utilize a mental health hotline that is available for students and families to request and get social and emotional services as needed.
- Our district has also created social and emotional digital resources that teachers can embed into classroom instruction through learning activities and through social emotional virtual rooms.

Transportation

If the district has called NTI Days:

- Transportation will report to an assigned location and utilize an on-line Comprehensive Professional Development video series to deepen driver understanding and content knowledge.
- This program is provided by Vid.com. In the event of excessive days, work available from KDE Transportation could also be utilized.
- Classified staff will provide documentation of fulfilled contract hours to the administrator to whom he/she reports.

Food Service

- SNS staff will NOT report to work on NTI days. The reason being is because school meals will not be served in any capacity because students are not in the building.
- All SNS staff will be required to make-up these NTI days during Summer Feeding Operations.
- SNS Staff contracts conclude on June 30th; therefore, all NTI make-up days will be made up before this date.

Communication Plan

- Bullitt County Public Schools will work with school administrators to provide overall guidelines and information that will be communicated at the beginning of the year and at strategic times when an NTI could potentially be called due to weather, emergencies, illness, etc.
- Communication will come from district with general information on the what and why of NTI days. In addition, the district website will utilize its NTI website along with schools providing NTI information on their school websites as well. The district website provides students, staff, parents, and the community with up-to-date information related to school plans, resources for teachers and parents, wifi access information, technology assistance hotline, mental health hotline, etc.
- The district will post information related to non-traditional instruction days on the school webpage, send out a one-call via Infinite Campus messenger, as well as on the district Facebook and Twitter, and both our local news and radio stations.
- Additionally, each school will post their specific plan for non-traditional instruction on their school webpages and use the Remind app platform or similar, if utilized at the school. The Non-Traditional Instruction website will be updated consistently as changes occur.
- Communication with our EL families will occur through TalkingPoints so information can be shared in their native language.

Thank You!