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# Proposal to Return to In-Person Activity

<b>Submitted by:</b>	Matt Unwin	<b>Date:</b>	Oct. 15, 2020
<b>Title:</b>	DHS Gardening	<b>School:</b>	DHS
<b>Brief title this proposal can be referred to as (try to keep to 5 words or less):</b>			
Decatur High School Garden Club			
<b>Brief description of what is being proposed (try to keep to under 5 sentences):</b>			
Access to the DHS patio garden (above Learning Commons) and pollinator garden (CTAE/Frazier lawn side) for student maintenance and gardening projects.			
<b>When do you propose beginning this activity in person, why do you propose that date, and what will the impact be if in-person activity is delayed until after that date?</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 2, 2020</li> <li>• That date was when students were scheduled to begin returning under the previous reopening plan.</li> <li>• The date was selected to allow time for review of the proposal. It is not critical that it start on that date but would be helpful if even limited activities could resume in (Oct)/Nov/Dec.</li> </ul>			
<b>Describe the population of people who will be returning to in-person activities (students, staff, age levels, grades, programs, teams, etc.):</b>		<b>Approximately how many people in each of those groups will be impacted by this proposal (students, staff, volunteers, etc.):</b>	
Faculty/Staff (Sponsors) Garden Club (DHS Students in grades 9-12)		Administration & Faculty/Staff = ~2-3 Students: ~15 (estimate based on expressions of interest)	
<b>Describe the <u>benefits</u> of returning to in-person for this activity and the <u>risks</u> of <u>NOT</u> returning to in-person:</b>		<b>Describe the <u>risks</u> of returning to in-person for this activity and the <u>benefits</u> of <u>NOT</u> returning to in-person:</b>	
BENEFIT: Students could proceed with planting and cultivation projects in the outside patio area, as well as maintenance of the		The risk of returning is the possible spread of the COVID-19 virus among the DHS faculty/staff sponsors and participating DHS	

<p>pollinator garden, instead of waiting until Winter/Spring 2021. These activities potentially allow students a way to safely contribute to DHS and participate in a school-related activity.</p> <p>RISKS: The DHS garden areas would not be utilized and risk possible damage (ex: planters) from non-use. Necessary repair and maintenance would have to be undertaken solely by faculty and staff.</p>	<p>students.</p> <p>The benefit of not having gardening activities is that we would not potentially put participants at risk of contracting the virus.</p>
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**Describe in detail the protocols, equipment, and other actions that will be implemented to protect the health and safety of the persons involved in this activity:**

- Before participating, Garden Club students must sign a general electronic version of an approved Extra-Curricular Waiver (DHS Admin).
- Before attending any events on the DHS campus, students must complete a [health screening](#) form similar to the one used by CSD students and staff.
- Students must bring their own water and water bottles.
- Students must bring their own work gloves.
- Masks will be mandatory for participation in any gardening activities.
- Hand Sanitizer will be plentiful and readily available.
- Tools are stored in sheds on the patio. DHS students and staff will ensure they are wiped with a 70% ethanol solution after use and before returned to storage.
- Students will either report directly to the area of campus for gardening work (ex: pollinator garden (CTAE/Frazier lawn side) or enter the patio garden through the external outside gate.
- Social distancing will be adhered to by maintaining 6ft distance when working and limiting the number of students to a maximum of 10.
- All planned activities will take place outside the building in the patio garden space or pollinator garden.
- Main building access (and exit) would be limited to room 2142 (external entrance via garden patio) and the restrooms immediately adjacent to 2142 (if absolutely necessary).
- Access to hand sanitizer, sinks, soap, and paper towels would be available in 2142 (accessible from the patio garden).

**Describe in detail how the above protocols, equipment, and other actions will be monitored to ensure compliance and fidelity of implementation, including who will be responsible for each aspect of monitoring:**

- There will be at least one DHS staff sponsor present at any scheduled gardening activity.
- The DHS staff sponsor(s) will make sure that waivers and health screening checks have been completed for all students present at any gardening activity.
- DHS staff sponsors will monitor students for mask compliance and maintaining social distance.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If students do not comply with waiver and health screening completion or mask/social distancing, as per our participation waiver, they will be asked to leave the DHS campus immediately by the DHS staff sponsor.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Will this activity be voluntary, compulsory, or socially compulsory?</b> If the answers vary by participant (such as students vs. staff), answer separately for each category of people.</p>	<p><b>What will happen for those normally involved in this activity if they choose not to participate when it returns to in-person?</b> (Answer separately for each category of people if applicable.)</p>
<p>Voluntary</p>	<p>Gardening students who choose not to participate in these activities (Nov./Dec.) can still interact via virtual meetings and can fully resume in person participation in the Winter/Spring of 2021 (depending on CSD reopening status) .</p>
<p><b>Describe in detail any interactions this activity will have with others (such as other teams/clubs within the district, other teams/clubs outside the district, etc.), the risks such interactions would introduce, and how those risks will be mitigated.</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gardening events would involve small numbers of DHS students (~10 max) and DHS staff (1-3) working outside on the DHS campus at any one time.</li> <li>Specific areas for student activities are the patio and pollinator gardens, both open spaces.</li> <li>There would be no direct external interactions (ex: family/community/etc.) from this activity with non-DHS students or staff.</li> <li>Risks would be mitigated through outside based activities, social distancing, mask wearing, hand sanitation, waivers, and screening.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>What other information, not already provided above, needs to be shared with the team evaluating this proposal?</b></p>	
<p>I cannot think of additional information at the moment but I am happy to address any questions or concerns (munwin@csdecatur.net).</p>	

Proposal Review		
<p><b>Reviewed by CSD COVID Response Team:</b> K. Beam, C. Burnett, D. Dude, M. Fehrman, L. Huddleston, E. Melton, S. Moore, S. Perez, R. Thomas</p>	<p><b>Status:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 2020-10-21</p>