Selected Guidelines for Schools Addressing COVID-19

We selected several publications that seem to be of particular value in coming to terms with school policy and programming. These may be updated by both the federal government and the two private organizations that produce the following material:

1 The first document COVID-19 OR OTHER VIRAL RESPIRATORY DISEASE OUTBREAK is based on a 2017 study by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) focusing on what has been termed, “collateral damage” following school closures during the pandemic’s in 1918, 1957, 1968, and 2009.

2 This second document CONSIDERATIONS OF SCHOOL CLOSURE was produced by the Institute for Environmental Assessment (IEA), a private organization that has been providing health and safety guidelines for schools for over 30 years. We appreciate their generosity in allowing us to distribute this draft section of the school emergency plan dealing with viral issues in general, particularly COVID-19. Most school districts maintain a general emergency response plan, although often using different formats. IEA has extensive experience in both reviewing and designing emergency planning. This document seems responsive based on our understanding of the situation.

3 This third document MICHIGAN COBID-19 was developed by Michigan School Public Relations Association and has a number of “tools” for establishing policy, particularly for reaching out to the public. We appreciate their generosity in sharing the document.