



**MERIDIAN**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT #223

# Meridian Community Unit School District 223

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The intent of the table below is to document, albeit inexactly, the expenses the district has incurred in attempt to return to some form of in-person learning safely. The purpose in sharing this communication is to document that COVID-19 has been costly to the school district. Even given the fact that school has not been in session on Wednesdays, this in NO WAY has been a cost savings for the district. In fact, just the opposite has happened. In addition to the chart below, the impact can best be summarized by a few bullet points.

- The district lost out on approximately \$140,000 in state funding due to the state budget shortfall
  - The state is in a precarious financial position and it is difficult to expect level funding as we progress forward.
- The district received \$201,000 in CARES act funding
- The district has expended approximately \$750,000 in attempt to reopen safely and effectively

\*\*\* COVID has cost the district approximately \$680,000 to date

Items being used OR positions added to support Reopening that the district procured because of the Pandemic	Approximate Cost (in dollars)	Will it have value in the future?
Masks/Face Shields	3,000	No
Gloves	1,000	Yes
Sneeze Guards	30,000	Maybe
Teacher Training	30,000	Yes
3 New Teacher positions to reduce class size	150,000	No
4 New Health aide positions	55,000	No
Streaming equipment for 30 rooms	425,000	Yes – potential to even turn into a revenue stream
Bathroom Partitions	10,000	Yes
1 New Technology position to support remote learners	25,000	No
Medical equipment (thermometers)	5,000	Limited
Self-Certification app	2,000	No
Drums of disinfectant	8,000	Yes
Electrostatic Sprayers	8,000	Yes
Hand Sanitizer stations/Sanitizer	3,000	Yes
Storage Containers	4,000	No
Safety stickers / decals	2,000	No
WiFi Hotspots	20,000	Maybe

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Quarantine Tents	1,000	Maybe
Air filters	2,000	Maybe
Smaller expenses (coveralls, full PPE, spray bottles, towels, desks, pencil sharpeners)	5,000	Yes
Items being used to support Reopening that the district already had procured irrespective of the Pandemic		
Chromebooks	600,000	Yes