

January 22, 2021

Dear Ridgefield Families,

I want to start this week with a BIG Ridgefield School District. opportunities has been a challenge,



to all the students and parents of the Providing the choice for in-person learning but one that has been well worth it.

Our ability to continue providing and expanding in-person learning opportunities is due to everyone following COVID safety precautions: frequently washing hands, wearing face coverings, social distancing, and keeping children home if they are not feeling well.

Earlier this week, we welcomed back first graders. It was quite the sight to see more students filling the halls and classrooms. We expand in-person learning options once again this coming week with the addition of second graders. Welcome back! Below is the current schedule for the expansion of in-person instruction options for the remaining elementary grades.

- Monday, January 25 - 2nd grade starts
- Monday, February 1 - 3rd grade starts
- Monday, February 8 - 4th and 5th grade starts (tentative - pending limited transmission at school sites)

This week, we also welcomed back a limited number of secondary students. While the direct instruction is still coming from our talented certificated staff via a remote environment, our incredible classified staff are providing supervised learning support for select students in seventh grade, eighth grade, and members of the class of 2021. We are committed to expanding this in-person supervised learning support for additional secondary students in the weeks to come. Please reference the schedule below for more information.

- Monday, February 1 - limited in-person student support for 6th and 9th graders
- Monday, February 8 - limited in-person student support for 10th graders
- Monday, February 16 - limited in-person student support for 11th graders

As I shared last week, the District is actively working to provide the option for a return to in-person instruction for all secondary students. To continue that work, we ask all sixth - twelfth grade families to complete the appropriate learning mode registration below. The survey informs the District which mode of learning you wish to enroll your student(s) in for the rest of the year (and the rest of the second trimester for sixth-grade students) once in-person learning resumes.

Currently, the District is planning for an A/B hybrid schedule. In this schedule, students assigned to Group A will have in-person classes on Monday and Thursday, while students in Group B will have in-person classes on Tuesday and Friday. All students will attend classes remotely on Wednesday. You can

find more information on the schedules by clicking on the appropriate grade band ([6-8 hybrid schedule](#), [9-12 hybrid schedule](#)). I want to be clear; the Ridgefield School District is committed to a safe and sensible return following state guidance.

- 6th grade learning mode [survey link](#)
- 7th - 8th grade learning mode [survey link](#)
- 9th -12th grade learning mode [survey link](#)

Please keep the student/family photos coming. Use the email address ([student.photos@ridgefieldsd.org](mailto:student.photos@ridgefieldsd.org)) to share these candid moments.



Stay well and remain #RidgefieldResilient.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nathan McCann  
Superintendent