

March 30, 2021

Dear Ridgefield Families,

As you already know, last week in accordance with new recommendations approved by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Washington State Department of Health and Governor Jay Inslee released updated guidance for social distancing in K-12 public schools. The new guidance reduces the social distancing requirements between students in classroom settings from six feet down to three feet, while still requiring that masks be worn at all times.

Currently, the Ridgefield School District plans to start full-day in-person instruction with K-6 students. While the specific date of the return to full in-person learning is not yet finalized, we anticipate the change to be implemented on or around April 19. Please note that remote learning will remain an option for families for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. For our 7-12 families, more information will be forthcoming soon.

For us to properly plan for this transition, the District needs to determine how many families will elect to return to full-time, in-person instruction. **If you wish to change your current learning model**, please [complete our Student Learning Model Registration form](#) by **4 p.m. on Thursday, April 1**. If we do not receive a survey response from you, your student will remain in their current learning model.

We know how valuable the connection between student and teacher is. We are committed to keeping students with their current teachers, wherever possible. However, as we reconfigure classrooms to accommodate for more students being back in our buildings, some students may be re-assigned to a new teacher.

We know that this last year has been filled with challenges for students and families, and we sincerely appreciate your continued grace and patience as we transition back to full-time, in-person instruction.

Stay well and remain #RidgefieldResilient.

Sincerely,



Dr. Nathan McCann
Superintendent