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Dear Ridgefield Families,

I would like to begin this week's community update by sharing a bit more background and information regarding the vaccination clinic held at Ridgefield High School on Wednesday. Our school buildings are public resources that support the entire Ridgefield community. Over the years, our buildings have been used by countless organizations and individuals for hosting public events. The vaccination clinic was a collaborative effort by the District, Ridgefield High School ASB, and Clark County Public Health. This free clinic was entirely optional, and more than 300 individuals, including students, parents, and community members chose to attend. Despite claims to the contrary, every student under the age of 18 was required to have a signed parental consent form on file before receiving the vaccine. Our staff took the extra step to contact every parent to confirm consent.

A few days prior to the clinic, we became aware of the possibility that protesters might come to the event. Upon learning this, we immediately began coordinating with local law enforcement agencies and our contracted security staff to ensure safety during the event. This included bringing in three additional professional security officers and four Ridgefield Police Department officers, including a lieutenant and a staff sergeant. A special thanks to the Ridgefield PD and our security team for their professionalism.

I am pleased to announce that after a temporary hiatus, Experience Ridgefield will return this fall. Experience Ridgefield was another community-focused event that was conceptualized and developed by students. The Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) came up with the highly interactive, carnival-like event, and designed it to represent everything that makes Ridgefield unique, capturing aspects they love about their community. There are so many things that make Ridgefield a wonderful place to call home, and my family and I look forward to reconnecting with friends and loved ones at this showcase event.

As a reminder, there is no school on Monday, May 31 in recognition of Memorial Day. I hope you all enjoy some sunshine and warm weather during the three-day weekend, and I encourage you to take the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of the holiday. It is a day to honor the men and women of the armed forces who gave their lives to protect our democracy. I remain ever-grateful for the sacrifices made by these brave men and women.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools. Stay well, and remain #RidgefieldResilient.

Sincerely,



Dr. Nathan McCann
Superintendent