



## **Ridgedale Local School District**

**3103 Hillman Ford Road**

**Morral, Ohio 43337**

**Robert A. Britton, Superintendent**

**Jason Fleming, Treasurer**

**(740) 382-6065 Phone**

**(740) 383-6538 Fax**

March 23, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Governor Mike DeWine yesterday gave an order to “shelter in place” and has asked all non-essential businesses to close and non-essential employees stay home effective 11:59 p.m. tonight. We, as a district, have closed all of our buildings and are asking our teaching and other staff members to stay home. We are limiting face to face interactions at our administration building and will only have office hours on Wednesday’s or by appointment. I know that this is a lot of communication, however, I feel that it is essential that I keep sharing this information to keep you informed.

Please be assured that we are taking precautions to ensure the safe transport of your child(ren)’s meals. 1. We are taking temperatures each morning, anyone with a temp of 100 degrees F will be sent home immediately. 2. Any employee that is sick is not to come in. 3. All buses and cafeteria are disinfected daily. 4. Sterile rubber gloves and masks are available for employee use. 5. No employee is being forced to work during this time.

After the Governor’s announcement yesterday, my first call was to the Marion County Sheriff’s office, to make sure that we did not fall under non-essential category. The determination was made that meal delivery is an essential service so we will continue our daily meal delivery at the normal AM bus route times. However, if any change takes effect in the future, we will inform you via our One Call system and on social media. So far, we have delivered approximately 2600 meals over the past week. Great job to our cooks and bus drivers for the great work and service that they are providing. We are still taking calls and adding meal deliveries, so if you would like to participate please contact the Board office or your bus driver and give us your child(re)’s name(s), address and contact number to confirm delivery.

Today I made contact with UPS to make sure that they are still delivering to the school district so that our hotspots do not get sent back, due to lack of storage at the UPS distribution center. Once they are delivered and inventoried, we will get them out as fast as we can. As stated previously, first priority will be to the families that do not have any internet connection, and we will then move down the list. If you or someone that you know, needs one of these devices please contact the Board office with the student’s name, address and a contact number so that we may get the device to them.

We have had several students that have not responded to contacts from teaching staff. We are sending School Resource Officer Deputy Michael Woods to those addresses to check on our students. If you would like Deputy Mike to stop by for a wellness check please contact him directly at [mwoods@ridgedaleschools.org](mailto:mwoods@ridgedaleschools.org). Along with these duties, SRO Woods will be delivering the hotspots when they come in next week. Prior to the delivery we will call the contact number on file to make sure someone is home to receive the device.

For any family interested in gathering more information on Covid-19, our school Nurse Mr. Jon Campbell is available, through a virtual clinic. He will take any questions that you may have regarding your family's health, or to give you strategies to help calm any fears your child(ren) have during this time. He may be reached at [jcampbell@ridgedaleschools.org](mailto:jcampbell@ridgedaleschools.org).

Some numbers out of the elementary that are very impressive from class Dojo, we have sent home 1,870 messages, shared 21 stories, celebrated 5 skills and have received 100% positive feedback. Mr. Rossman and Miss Parthemore are checking the number of contacts made at the Jr/Sr High School and I will report those numbers later in the week.

If you or your student(s) have any concerns please contact your child(ren)'s teacher(s) so that we are all on the same page. If you have any other needs that you feel need addressed please contact your building principal or me at [rbritton@ridgedaleschools.org](mailto:rbritton@ridgedaleschools.org) or phone 740-382-6065 ext. 101. We are here to help you and your child(ren) during this time.

Please remember if you need any assistance do not hesitate to pick up the phone and call. For the latest updates please visit the District website, [www.rridgedaleschools.org](http://www.rridgedaleschools.org) or call 740-382-6065.

Sincerely,  
Robert A. Britton, Superintendent  
Ridgedale Local Schools