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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Board of Education will be holding a virtual work session on Friday March 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. and enter into Executive Session “To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual.” No action will be taken at this meeting.

As we hit the midpoint in week two of our school building closure, we have had several questions from parents that I will address later in this letter. Our teachers are continuing trying to find a balance between instructional time and work time for our students. The principal’s and I met today to talk about the current schedule that we are using and if there is a modified schedule we could put into place that would alleviate some of the stress from the students so that they do not feel overwhelmed. We will have a decision on a new schedule by the end of this week.

Daily meal delivery is an essential service that we will continue to provide during the normal AM bus route times. This service continues to grow, we have increased the number of students served from 260 to 301, daily, over the past week. If any change takes effect with regard to this service, we will inform you via our One Call system and on social media. 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(ren)’s name(s), address and contact number to confirm delivery.

Be assured that we are taking precautions to ensure the safe preparation and 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.

I have received several calls regarding some upcoming events in the district that I feel need addressed:

1. Preschool – we are still accepting applications for preschool electronically or via US mail service. Forms can be found at ridgedaleschool.org
2. Kindergarten Registration – Due to the mandated closure we are postponing until a later date. You will receive the new date when it is set.

3. Open Enrollment – We are accepting open enrollment applications beginning through May 31, 2020, electronically or via US mail. OE form is at ridgedaleschools.org
4. Lunch Charges – Some of you received a low lunch account statement in the mail, we are **not** charging for meals at this time. That is simply a reminder that your child’s lunch account is low and will need replenished when we return to school.

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. 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. We are also posting the latest guidance on our website ridgedaleschools.org.

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 or phone 740-382-6065 ext. 101. We are here to help you and your child(ren) during this time.

If we all continue to do our part, by following Governor’s order and the social protocols, the sooner we will be able to get back to “normal”. If you need any assistance please call, 740-382-6065 and for the latest updates visit the District website, ridgedaleschools.org.

Sincerely,
Robert A. Britton, Superintendent
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