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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we hit the end of week two of our closure we are working on finding an appropriate balance between computer time and work time for our students and staff. The administration and I met this morning and determined that beginning next week we would institute that following schedule of **combined** video and work time for the elementary; K-1st - 1.5 hours/day, 2nd & 3rd- Not to exceed 2 hours/day, and 4th & 5th not to exceed 2.5 hours/day. As for the Jr/Sr High we have not had many concerns with the schedule so that will remain unchanged for now. This will allow both students and teacher time to reflect on lessons, and hopefully not feel so overwhelmed. This will also allow us to introduce new learning content in greater depth during those days.

We have not received our mobile hot spots yet. I know that some of you are becoming impatient, as well as I, but as soon as we receive them we will get them out as soon as possible. We are currently at our limit for requests for the hotspots. If you have not previously requested one, and need one, you will be put on a waiting list if we need to order more.

It has come to my attention that some of you have been charged for the meals that we have been delivering over the past two weeks. I spoke with Mrs. Mitchell and she informed me that. "Students who have been charged lunch during this delivery time will have their charges deleted by mid next week. They are no longer being charged, as the system has been updated by Payschools." If by April 6, 2020 you do not see this correction please contact the Board office at 740-382-6065.

With the passage of HB 197 the legislature has extended the March 17, 2020 primary voting period until April 28, 2020. There is absolutely in person voting is prohibited, however you can still cast an absentee ballot. Ballots must be requested by April 25, 2020 and returned by April 28. Voters can obtain absentee ballots three ways: 1. Voters can find applications for [Absentee Ballot Application](#) on the Board of Election's website. Download and print off an Absentee Ballot Application and mail to the Board of Election's office at 222 W. Center St. Marion, OH 43302. 2. Email a request for Absentee Application, include your name, mailing address, contact information and number of applications needed to marion@OhioSoS.gov 3. If you do not have

access to print off the application below or email, please call us and leave a detailed message to request an application be mailed to you.

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 ridgedaleschools.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

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.

The Board of Education will be holding a virtual work session on Wednesday April 1, 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.

I would again like to express my Pride in the students, support staff, teachers, administrator, board of education and the entire Ridgedale community. I feel that the community has responded to this pandemic as a family and are truly helping one another get through this together. If we all continue to do our part, by following the Governor's order and the social protocols that have been put in place, 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 at ridgedaleschools.org.

Sincerely,
Robert A. Britton, Superintendent
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