



## **Ridgedale Local School District**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

With the beginning of the third week of building closure, it was just announced, by Governor DeWine, that the buildings will be closed at least through Friday May 1, 2020. With this knowledge it is very important for us, as a school district, continue to search for ways of continuing to provide your children with a quality education. The administration and I met again this morning and want to reiterate that the following elementary schedule of combined video and work will be used until further notice; K-1<sup>st</sup> - 1.5 hours/day, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>- Not to exceed 2 hours/day, and 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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 does not mean that you child's teacher is not available. They will still have office hours and will be available via email.

While today's announcement from the Governor is not what we wanted to hear, it did not come as a surprise on our end. As of now all Spring co-curricular and extra-curricular activities have been cancelled or postponed until further notice. The Governor stated today that his office will re-evaluate the situation on Friday May 1, and determine the next steps for Ohio. I am hopeful that we will be back in session in May to celebrate our student's successes this year, in particular our senior class of 2020. Mr. Rossman, Miss Parthemore and I are having conversations revolving around the end of year programming for our seniors and once any decision has been made we will let everyone know.

We received confirmation that the hotspots have finally been shipped and we are expecting them this week. As soon as we receive and inventory 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.

As a reminder, if you have been charged for the meals that we have been delivering, Mrs. Mitchell has 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:jcampbell@ridgedaleschools.org). We are also posting the latest guidance on our website [ridgedaleschools.org](http://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](mailto: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.

After today's announcement it is more important than ever, that if you need any assistance please call, 740-382-6065, and for the latest updates visit the District website at [ridgedaleschools.org](http://ridgedaleschools.org).

Sincerely,  
Robert A. Britton, Superintendent  
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