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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we hit the end of the third week of school building closure, things appear to be running more effectively with the new elementary schedule that we have put into place. The administration and I met yesterday and had a good discussion with regard to grading practices during this time. After discussing with the teaching staff in each building, it has been determined that the Jr/Sr High will continue to utilize letter grading, A, B, C, D, F, while the Elementary is looking at a form of Standards based grading, and will issue a form of Complete or Incomplete indicating successful mastery of the grade level. 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. We are here to help you and your child(ren) during this time.

We have delivered most of the hot spots from T-Mobile today. If you did not receive yours either text your bus driver or email Brain Slone bslone@ridgedaleschools.org or me rbritton@ridgedaleschools.org, and we will get one to you early next week. If you need one, or know someone that needs one, please email one of the two addresses above and let us know.

Taking into consideration the Health and Safety of our cooks and bus drivers, and their possible exposure to Covid-19, we are looking at different ways to continue to provide our students with meals throughout the weeks to come. There are two different scenarios/schedules, and we would like to hear from you on which option would serve your needs the best. We are sending home a survey to those of you currently being served with the meals and, this letter will be posted on our website under Family Letters from the Superintendent titled "Meal Plan Letter". We will **not** be delivering meals on Friday April 10 or Monday April 13 due to our scheduled Easter Break. We will be starting our new delivery schedule the week of April 13, 2020.

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 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.

Information and forms for the following can be found on our website. However, if you need assistance please email me at rbirtton@ridgedaleschools.org

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.

There will be a virtual Special Board of Education meeting on Monday April 6, 2020 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held virtually on Monday April 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. This is a change from the original date of April 20.

We sincerely hope that all of you are staying safe and following the social distancing guidelines that are recommended. We will continue to provide you with the most up to date information as it comes in, and post it to the District website at ridgedaleschools.org. Remember, if you need any assistance please call, 740-382-6065, and we will get back with you as soon as possible. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,
Robert A. Britton, Superintendent
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