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Dear Ridgefield Families,

Today, Governor Inslee announced that events and gatherings with more than 250 people in attendance in the Seattle Metro area (King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties) are prohibited until March 31. This proclamation has been enacted to limit the spread of the novel coronavirus. Furthermore, the Governor and Public Health Seattle & King County asked school districts in those counties to prepare for potential school closures that could conceivably last weeks or months.

The coronavirus outbreak is rapidly evolving, and there is the potential that additional limitations may be implemented in other regions of the state, including ours.

Student, staff, and the entire Ridgefield community's health and safety is our top priority. Every decision we make is with that priority in mind.

At this time, the Ridgefield School District is canceling participation in events outside of the ESD 112 region (Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Pacific, Skamania, and Wahkiakum counties). This includes playing host to teams and clubs from outside the area.

It is possible that more restrictions, up to and including school closure, like those the Seattle Metro area are preparing for, will be implemented in our area.

We are preparing contingency plans with our neighboring districts in Clark County. Please know, as of right now, the recommendation from Clark County Public Health related to schools in Clark County has not changed.

The coronavirus outbreak is an unprecedented crisis. It is in moments like this that I am particularly grateful to live and serve in our great community. Together we are stronger, and together we will get through this stressful time.

We will continue to be in regular communication with you as we work through these issues.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nathan McCann  
Superintendent