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Dear Ridgefield Families,

I know this is an incredibly stressful time. Like you, I closely follow the news on the novel coronavirus spread, and so much of the news is scary. Given that, this update will focus on our #RidgefieldResilient efforts.

We have served nearly1500 meals during the closure so far, including 288 today. Words cannot adequately express my deep appreciation for the work of our Chartwells food services team. I am pleased to announce that meal service for children 0-18 will continue during our spring break (March 30 – April 4). Look for more information soon.

Another example of #RidgefieldResilient is the effort to distribute Chromebooks to our students lacking technology devices at home. The distribution will begin later this week, with more details to come. If you still have a need and haven't yet signed up, please email chromebooks@ridgefieldsd.org with your child(ren)'s name and grade level.

Additionally, we are exploring options to bring open-access WiFi hotspots to areas throughout the District, beginning the week of April 6. As specific details become available, I will share it with you.

Daycare for students who are in kindergarten through fourth grade and are the children of first responders and health care professionals will begin on Monday, April 6. This program will be at the RACC, and the hours of operation are tentatively set from 7:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Our Ridgefield Family Resource Center continues to be a vital support for families throughout the District. Much thanks to the team (including a dedicated group of volunteers) who make this happen daily.

While the need is great and the timing would dictate now, the School Board is committed to keeping our focus where it needs to be, fighting the spread of coronavirus and serving our students and families during this difficult time. Therefore, tonight it is anticipated the Board will take action on a resolution postponing the bond election until August.

Stay well and remain #RidgefieldResilient.

Sincerely

Dr. Nathan McCann

Superintendent