

April 7, 2020

Dear Ridgefield Families,

Yesterday afternoon Governor Jay Inslee ordered all public and private schools in the state of Washington to remain closed through the end of the school year. As painful as this may be, this is the right call. While our schools will remain closed, learning will continue! As you know, our “Continuity of Learning” Plan is already in place and we shared the plan with you last week. This week, students are engaging in SEL (social-emotional learning) review lessons to prepare for core academic learning starting next week. To facilitate online learning, the District has distributed nearly 600 Chromebooks to families and an additional 150 Chromebooks are ready for disbursement this Friday.

Many defining moments occur during our lives. One of the most monumental is high school graduation. Please know that the Ridgefield School District is committed to a live, in-person graduation ceremony. Ultimately, when and where it takes place, and what the event explicitly looks like, remain to be determined. Our goal is to hold a ceremony that prioritizes health and safety and maximizes connectedness to the fullest extent possible.

Other defining moments occur through academic and athletic competitions. In keeping with the Governor’s directive, the WIAA has canceled the spring sports season. This means many of our students will not have an opportunity to showcase their talents and create lasting memories. Gone too are our spring musical and theatrical performances. Please know our hearts go out to all students and families.

Since the onset of the pandemic, the District has remained resolute in its commitment to continue meal service to students. Last week alone, we served 3412 meals to children. Meal service through the end of the year will continue as scheduled Mondays - Fridays. Please click on the [link](#) for pick up locations and times.

We are relaunching student meal service on the weekends, beginning this Saturday, April 11. All children 0-18 may pick up breakfast and lunch from 11:00 am - noon at Union Ridge Elementary School on Saturdays and Sundays.

While I am sure you have questions, know we will do our best to keep you informed as we move forward. The Governor’s “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order is in place until May 4. Our goal is that once the order is lifted, we will slowly open the buildings to allow students to gather their personal belongings.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Stay well and remain #RidgefieldResilient.

Sincerely,



Dr. Nathan McCann
Superintendent