



## **Ridgedale Local School District**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

With the Governor's recent announcement that we will start to open up the Ohio economy, we are still hopeful that we will return to school on May 4, but continue to plan as though we will be out for the remainder of the year. I have met with all of the teaching staff and administrators this week, and we continue to work hard to put the education of your children first. I also sat in on a senior class meeting yesterday, it was good to see the seniors that attended and I know that Mr. Rossman will have another senior meeting next week. I encourage all seniors to Zoom in to this weeks meeting on April 23 at 2:00 p.m., to see your classmates and get the latest senior information. We are still planning on graduation for May 17, 2020, however if Governor DeWine limits the number allowed to congregate, we will select dates later in the summer. We will have a graduation ceremony, we just have to wait and see what happens.

I have received several reports of students that receive ancillary services in OT/PT and Speech therapy that have not checked in with their service providers. If your child is one that receives one or more of these services, please check your email of any communications that have been sent out, and work to continue to keep you child in touch with these professional services.

The Tuesday and Thursday delivery schedule went well this week and we feel very confident that this will remain a positive for our families, through the end of the building closure or the end of the school year, whichever comes first.

SRO Mike Woods is still available for wellness checks for any family that would like for him to stop, please call the Board office if you would like a check, or email him directly at [mwoods@ridgedaleschools.org](mailto:mwoods@ridgedaleschools.org). I am beginning to receive more requests from the teaching staff to check on students that are not responding to video classes or school work that is due, **especially in the Jr/Sr High School**. This is very concerning to us, we are still working to make sure that all of our seniors meet the graduation requirements and that the rest of our students can be promoted to the next grade level. We will have SRO Woods stop and check several homes to make sure all is well and report any assistance that you may need.

As a reminder, as we prepare for next school year, information and forms for the following can be found on our website. Please share this information with anyone you know that may be interested, and if you need assistance please email me at [rbirton@ridgedaleschools.org](mailto:rbirton@ridgedaleschools.org).

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)

There is still time to cast your March 17, 2020 primary ballot, remember in person voting is strictly 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.

For any family interested in gathering more information on Covid-19, our school Nurse Mr. Jon Campbell is available, through a virtual clinic. 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).

The Board of Education will be holding a special meeting, virtually on Thursday April 30, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. If you would like information on how to attend, please email me at [rbritton@ridgedaleschools.org](mailto:rbritton@ridgedaleschools.org) and I will send you an invitation.

For the most up to date information log on to the District website at [ridgedaleschools.org](http://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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