



April 21, 2020

Dear Ridgefield Families,

I have said many, many times that Ridgefield is a special place. Last Friday was another shining example of #RidgefieldResilient and our community's deep connections. The line of cars stretched well down Royle...all to honor the Senior Class of 2020. We have heard from many of you that the night brought you to tears. Know that we love our Seniors and are working hard to make the end of their Ridgefield education memorable.

Yesterday, South Ridge Elementary School staff drove through various neighborhoods honoring their students and families. This is yet another example of our community coming together to show support and appreciation. Much love to our Roadrunners!

Last week we launched our second ThoughtExchange interactive survey. We asked you to share what resources and supports would be helpful to ensure students are successful with our new online learning world. We heard from 434 individuals; thank you for your participation. There were 313 unique "Thoughts" shared and nearly 6000 "Thought" ratings. I was especially grateful for the 117 students who participated. Your voice matters! Attached is a word cloud that highlights the most frequently used words.

The top three rated "Thoughts" are:

1. "An agenda. I appreciate teachers who send out a weekly agenda with everything that is expected and info for practice."
2. "Since many students are doing independent learning at their own time, it'd be helpful if posted assignments were titled by DATE and DUE DATE. Example: THURSDAY 4/16; Video on Chapter 14. DUE FRIDAY 4/17."
3. "Time and organizational skills. There's a lot to keep track of."

Your feedback will be helpful as we continue to move forward with our Continuity of Learning plan. Please look for another opportunity to share your perspective with the District later this week when we release our next "Thought".

A quick reminder that next Monday (April 27), our schools will be in session. This day originally was scheduled as a teacher workday. With the adjusted calendar, the school year concludes on Friday, June 19. Currently, we are planning to open the 2020-2021 school year in typical fashion on Tuesday, September 1.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools. As always, stay well and remain #RidgefieldResilient.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nathan McCann
Superintendent