



Ridgedale Local School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

With the recent clarification from Governor DeWine regarding graduation ceremonies we are working diligently with Marion Public Health to finalize our plans. The Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Department of Health released guidance on the ceremony which include the following. Mass gatherings are strictly prohibited, so there will be no gymnasium or stadium graduation this year. The preferred method of ceremony is: 1. virtual ceremony, 2. Drive thru ceremony or 3. Ceremony with 10 or fewer people in a building at a time. We are working closely with Marion Public Health to determine what type of ceremony we will have and we are still planning on a graduation ceremony for May 17, 2020. Be assured that we will be following all of the appropriate PPE and social distancing protocols in place.

Mr. Rossman, Miss Parthemore and I encourage all seniors to Zoom into tomorrow's meeting April 30th, at 2:00 p.m., to see your classmates and get the latest senior information. Seniors remember, you still need to keep the pace this last nine weeks. Also, we will be communicating with any senior that still owes school fees. We had a great turn out last night for senior pick up, if you still need to get your senior materials please call the High School office and set up an appointment. As for school property drop-off we will be finalizing our end of the school year plans, and communicate those with you in the near future.

Census awareness weekend is this weekend May 1, 2 and 3. This is a very important process that determines our Federal funding and representation at the Federal level. Everyone counts and I am challenging you to complete the census to shape the future of our community. The census informs hundreds of billions of dollars in funding for things like education and health programs that communities need. I have already completed my census and I hope that you will join me.

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 rbirtton@ridgedaleschools.org.

1. **Preschool** – we are still accepting applications for preschool electronically or via US mail service. Forms can be found at 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

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. We are also posting the latest guidance on our website ridgedaleschools.org.

The Board of Education will be holding a special meeting, 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 and I will send you an invitation.

For the most up to date information log on to the District website at 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 evening!

Sincerely,
Robert A. Britton, Superintendent
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