



School Board Meeting

May 26, 2020

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PURPOSE STATEMENT

Ridgefield School District aspires to be the state's premier district, leveraging strong community partnerships to provide each student personalized learning experiences, opportunities, and skills that ensure success and unlimited possibilities.

QUALITY INSTRUCTION

We ensure research-based instructional practices are implemented in every classroom utilizing access to professional growth and collaboration opportunities to reflect on and improve our practices.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

We deliver a premier educational program dedicated to developing the whole child. We provide students with personalized academic and extracurricular opportunities while increasing student learning.

LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

We strive to provide safe, well-maintained facilities with 21st century learning environments in which all students can succeed. We will maximize the availability of our facilities to support community use.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

We create educational partnerships to promote collaboration, improve communication and provide programs for greater learning opportunities.



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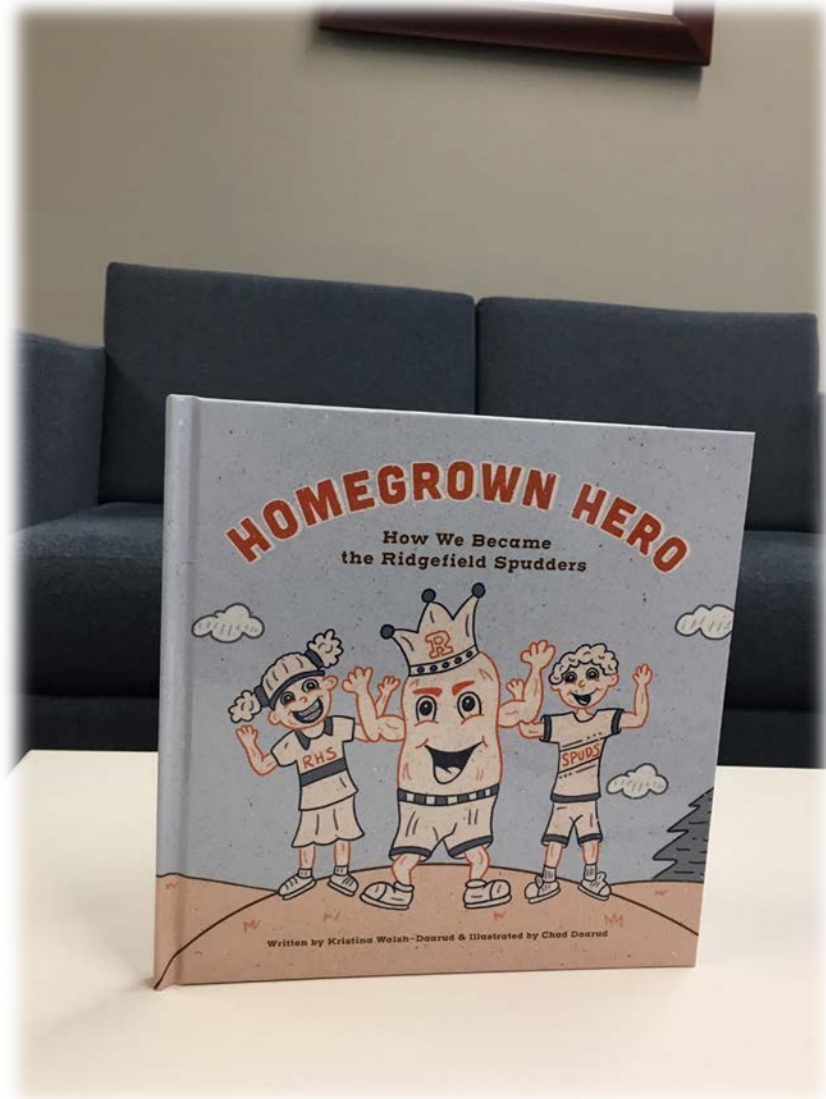




Homegrown Hero

How We Became the Ridgefield Spudders

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Thank you also to Casey Wyckoff
and the LSW Team!

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Coronavirus Update

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RHS
GRADUATION
June 5, 2020

#RidgefieldResilient

RIDGEFIELD CLASS OF
2020
SENIOR

A cartoon mascot character is positioned in the center of the graphic. The mascot is white with a blue face, wearing a blue crown with a white 'R' on it, and a blue surgical face mask. It is also wearing blue shorts and blue shoes. The mascot has its arms raised in a celebratory gesture. The background of the graphic is blue with white and orange text.

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Community Connections

- **16 Superintendent letters to the Community**
- **All employee received hand-written card from Superintendent (April)**
- **All Class of 2020 students received hand-written card from Superintendent (May)**

Community Connections

- **Seven ThoughtExchange conversations**
 - What should we be thinking about when preparing to close all schools during the coronavirus outbreak?
 - Share an example of #RidgefieldResilient
 - What resources and support do you need to ensure your students are successful with online learning in the weeks to come?
 - What are your thoughts and questions about our response to COVID-19, and how can we best support each other?

Community Connections

- **ThoughtExchange (cont.)**
 - What challenges have you encountered with the District's Continuity of Learning Plan?
 - What aspects of graduation are most important to you?
 - What is the best aspect of our remote learning environment?
- **Spring 2020 Family Survey (released tomorrow)**
 - Food service, technology, communication, learning

Community Connections

- **Fall Return Comfort Level Survey (June)**
- **Approximately 35,000 meals survey**
- **Five hot spots operate 9am – 3pm (Mon – Fri)**

New CDC Guidelines for Reopening Schools

- **Wear masks over the age of 2**
- **No sharing of any items or supplies, all belongings in individual cubbies or labeled containers; no sharing electronic devices, toys, games, learning aids**
- **Desks 6 feet apart, all facing the same way**
- **Distance on school buses – one child per seat, skip rows**
- **Install sneeze guards and partitions wherever you cannot space 6ft apart**
- **One way routes in hallways; tape on sidewalks and walls to assure kids stay 6ft apart**
- **No communal shared spaces – cafeterias, playgrounds**

New CDC Guidelines for Reopening Schools

- **Physical barriers or screens between sinks in bathrooms**
- **Only pre-packaged boxes or bags of food instead of cafeteria food; kids eat in classrooms**
- **No field trips, assemblies, or external organizations in the schools. Limit volunteers and visitors.**
- **Same children with same staff all day, no switching groups or teachers**
- **Stagger arrival and departure times for students to limit exposure to crowds of kids**
- **If possible, daily health and temperature checks**
- **Several rules about cleaning and disinfecting throughout day and hand washing frequently**

Next Steps

- **1:1 Chromebook Take Home Initiative**
- **Operational Considerations**
 - Custodial
 - Food Service
 - Transportation
- **Meetings with Bargaining Units**



Financial Update

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