

May 27, 2020

Dear Ridgefield Families,

We are experiencing fantastic weather, with the best still to come later this week. I hope you can find some time to get out and enjoy the beauty our region offers.

As I shared last week, the prospects for a “traditional” start to the school year remain uncertain. At this point, there are far more questions than answers. I understand how frustrating this is, and I share in that frustration. Please know, the District continues to work toward a solution, within the guidance from CDC, state, and local public health professionals, and the forthcoming recommendations from the OSPI Reopening Schools Committee. There are many facets to consider, including classroom instruction, food service, transportation, childcare, cleaning/sanitizing, local labor groups, and extra-curricular activities.

Your ideas, opinions, and thoughts are another critical component in our efforts to reopen schools. Please take a moment to complete this quick [Parent survey](https://forms.gle/A7bpmi32dEajmbYS6) (<https://forms.gle/A7bpmi32dEajmbYS6>). In the weeks ahead, you will have the opportunity to provide additional feedback for the District to consider.

Ridgefield High School graduation planning is complete. On June 5, graduates will begin the ceremony with an auto parade through town and conclude at RHS, where they will individually receive their diploma.

The ceremony will include three phases. Each phase will begin at Union Ridge Elementary and follow a route along Pioneer Street and up South Hillhurst Road to the high school. The phases will commence at 4:40pm, 5:40pm, and 6:40pm. Please help support the Class of 2020 and cheer on our Seniors as they pass by in their decorated cars. Go Spuds!

I’m very proud of our Ridgefield Family Resource Center (RFRC) team's efforts as they continue to serve families during this pandemic. If your family, or a family you know, could use some assistance, please visit the RFRC. We are here to serve. The resource center is open on Monday 1:00pm – 5:00 pm, Wednesday from 12:00pm – 4:00pm and on Thursday from 1:00pm – 6:30pm. You can make an appointment outside of our regular hours by emailing [christine.poppert@ridgefieldsd.org](mailto:christine.poppert@ridgefieldsd.org)

I have often stated since the closing of schools that grace is something we all need to extend to each other during these difficult times. Our team, teachers, school board members, administrators, and support staff are committed to serving each child to ensure success and unlimited possibilities. Your active involvement is crucial toward that end. I offer my heartfelt thanks for all the support and goodwill that you have extended to the District.

Stay well and remain #RidgefieldResilient.

Sincerely,



Dr. Nathan McCann  
Superintendent