

June 18, 2020

Dear Ridgefield Families,

Thank you! We braved a challenging three months together. I can think of no better way to conclude the school year than by expressing my heartfelt appreciation to all our students, families, teachers, and staff who have demonstrated daily what it means to be #RidgefieldResilient.

On Wednesday, June 10 OSPI provided guidance on the opening of schools next year. The District continues preparations for the start of the 2020-2021 school year and we are well underway for a safe and sensible opening. Our team members are excited to see the return of students, yet we all remain well aware of the work ahead. After losing almost one-third of our face-to-face instructional days, it is imperative to maximize our time with your students this coming school year. Our children are counting on us.

Based on final guidance from the state, there will be aspects of schooling that will look different from those in previous years. Cleaning and disinfecting procedures, drop-off and pick-up, meal service, recess, and even getting through the building will change. In last week's "Reopening Survey" respondents clearly expressed concern over masks. Other families feel masks play an important role in keeping everyone safe. Please understand that the current guidelines require all students, staff, and visitors to wear masks. This is not a local district decision. We will continue to monitor state guidance and will adhere to the current recommendations at the time of opening. If you have questions or comments, I encourage you to contact policymakers and express your concerns. For your convenience, names and contact information are listed below.

Legislative District 18

- Sen. Ann Rivers, ann.rivers@leg.wa.gov
- Rep. Larry Hoff, larry.hoff@leg.wa.gov
- Rep. Brandon Vick, brandon.vick@leg.wa.gov

Legislative District 17

- Sen. Lynda Wilson, lynda.wilson@leg.wa.gov
- Rep. Vicki Kraft, vicki.kraft@leg.wa.gov
- Rep. Paul Harris, paul.harris@leg.wa.gov

Governor's Office – Senior Policy Advisory, Education & College Access

- Maddy Thompson, maddy.thompson@gov.wa.gov

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

- Chris Reykdal [Ask OSPI](https://www.k12.wa.us/about-ospi/contact-us/online-forms/ask-ospi/) (<https://www.k12.wa.us/about-ospi/contact-us/online-forms/ask-ospi/>)

Washington Secretary of Health

- John Wiesman, jmwiesman@doh.wa.gov

Clark County Public Health

- Questions about masks can be emailed to public.health@clark.wa.gov

The District is planning seven weekly camps starting the week of July 6. Each week we will offer different themes for the students. You can pick the week that your student would enjoy the most or sign up for the summer. Click on the link to the [flyer](#) to learn more.

Have a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,



Dr. Nathan McCann
Superintendent