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Dear Ridgefield Families,

Happy Friday! With the start of the 2020-2021 school year rapidly approaching, I am pleased to share details on the student experience in our distance-learning model, Ridgefield Remote.

Our team of administrators and leadership from our teacher association have worked hard to develop a more robust, predictable, and user-friendly distance-learning model. Every elementary student will receive small group skill-specific instruction a minimum of 4 days a week and students with high needs will receive instruction 5 days a week. Our 6th grade is committed to continuing a subject-specific rotation.

As a District, we continue to hold out hope for a return to in-person instruction this school year. With that in mind, the secondary sites are committed to maintaining a 6-period course schedule throughout the week.

We heard through our family feedback surveys this spring that consistency with our Learning Management System needed improvement. This fall, all staff will be using the Google Suite, including synchronous instruction through Google Meets, class assignments through Google Classroom and asynchronous instruction through Screencastify.

I encourage you to visit our [homepage](#) and click on the “Ridgefield Remote” link to view building schedules and explore the resources we have posted for students and parents. Please continue to check back often, as we will continue to add resources to this page, including an FAQ next week.

I also encourage you to take a moment to read [yesterday's news release](#) about updated state health guidelines shared by Governor Jay Inslee, State Superintendent Chris Reykdal and the Washington State Department of Health. The [decision tree](#) establishes guidelines and recommendations to assist school leaders and local public health officers when making decisions regarding school reopening plans.

Sincerely,



Dr. Nathan McCann
Superintendent