



## **Ridgedale Local School District**

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Ridgedale Community:

I am writing to you today to give you an update on our school restart plans for school year 2020 – 2021. Over the past four weeks the Ridgedale Local Schools restart committee has been meeting to develop a framework for return to school. The committee met today and it was unanimously agreed that Ridgedale will start the school year in the Hybrid model for learning. This model will be in place for the entire 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks of the school year. We will still follow the framework that is posted to the district website [ridgedaleschools.org](http://ridgedaleschools.org). The only way that this will change is that if the Governor closes the schools and orders us to go fully remote. We will re-evaluate our status in October prior to the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine-weeks.

Students will be split into two groups, Group A – last names beginning with the letters A-K and Group B – last names beginning with the letters L-Z. For blended families children will be sent with the group where the last name is closer to the start of the alphabet. For example, if Sally Davidson and Johnny Smith are in the same household those children would be in Group A. Due to the change in our plans if you would like to change your answer on your “Return to school planning survey” please do so by accessing our website at [ridgedaleschools.org](http://ridgedaleschools.org).

The first day of school will still be August 31<sup>st</sup>, Group A will go to school on 8/31 and 9/1, while Group B will go to school on 9/2 and 9/3, with 9/4 our remote learning day. The following week, due to Labor Day, Group A will go to school on 9/8 and 9/9, and Group B will go to school on 9/10 and 9/11, with no online component that week. The following week we will be back to the normal rotation of Group A on Monday and Tuesday and Group B on Wednesday and Thursday with online Friday. In the event that we have any more Monday’s with no school we will be meeting in person with no online learning that week. There will be no scheduled one-hour delay’s on Monday’s or any full day professional development throughout the rest of the year. Preschool will start on Monday September 14, 2020 with all children attending at their assigned time either morning or afternoon.

As stated above this Hybrid/Blended learning plan will only change if the Governor orders the buildings closed during the 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks. The committee has determined that this is the safest way to have our students back in the classroom and we feel confident that we will be able to deliver a high-quality education. For the latest information please go to our website [ridgedaleschools.org](http://ridgedaleschools.org), and any questions regarding this reopening may be addressed to me at 740-382-6065 ext. 101 or [rbritton@ridgedaleschools.org](mailto:rbritton@ridgedaleschools.org).

If you have not yet turned in your open enrollment forms for next school year please go to our website, click on the Menu tab, Enrollment and you can access the open enrollment form. If you cannot access the form through the website please contact Mrs. Garver; 740-382-6065 ext. 150 or [kgarver@ridgedaleschools.org](mailto:kgarver@ridgedaleschools.org), or myself and we will be happy to assist you.

I would like to thank the building administrators, faculty, board and community for your patience during this unprecedented time. Be assured we are continuing to work to make your child's experience here one that is safe and as normal as possible.

Sincerely,  
Robert A. Britton; Superintendent  
Ridgedale Local Schools