

August 21, 2020

Dear Ridgefield Families,

I am reaching out to you this Friday afternoon with a tremendous amount of excitement! The 2020-2021 school year is nearly upon us. I know I am not alone in this excitement. The Ridgefield School District staff is anxious and excited to get started on what is sure to be a memorable year. Many challenges await us in the coming days, weeks, and months. What gives me strength is the passion and resilience I have observed time and again since the beginning of the pandemic from students, staff, and the greater Ridgefield Community. This passion and resiliency bind us towards a common goal, enabling us to achieve more together than we can alone.

Earlier this month I shared with you [Ridgefield Remote](#), the District's plan for remote instruction when we begin school in September. Ridgefield Remote is a more robust, predictable, and user-friendly distance-learning model which will allow rigorous learning to occur in the distance environment.

While we are beginning the year fully-remote, we remain committed to a return to in-person learning as conditions warrant. We are developing a graduated return to in-person learning. This starts while in remote learning, by bringing in small groups of students whose services cannot be effectively delivered in a remote environment. As we meet regional safety benchmarks, we will expand our in-person services, eventually reaching our hybrid learning model, and ultimately a full return to in-person learning. For more information on the regional School Opening Decision Framework, I encourage you to take a moment to read the latest [recommendations](#) for schools from Clark County Public Health and the corresponding [news release](#) from ESD 112.

I encourage you to explore the various resources we have compiled to aid you and your child(ren) in Ridgefield Remote. We recently updated our [FAQ](#) page, which seeks to answer the most frequently asked questions.

The District has put forth significant effort and capital to implement local and state safety guidelines. As I write this letter, ABM custodial staff are placing signage through our buildings reminding staff (and eventually students) about expectations, hall directions, handwashing requirements, face mask coverings, etc. Click [here](#) to view our page outlining the safety protocols staff, students, and visitors need to follow on our campuses

Thank you for your continued support. Stay well and remain #RidgefieldResilient.

Sincerely,



Dr. Nathan McCann
Superintendent