

September 11, 2020

Dear Ridgefield Families,

Yesterday marked the 181st day since K-12 students had received in-person instruction in our schools. A regular school year consists of 180 days. Think about that for a moment. Yesterday also marked the first transition toward our ultimate goal; a return to full in-person learning. Limited in-person instruction and support services began yesterday as we welcomed back a cadre of students with more intensive needs. I had the pleasure of visiting these classrooms and seeing our fantastic staff working with our joyful students. It filled my cup! It's great to finally start seeing some normal school activities taking place in our classrooms.

Please know, the process will take some time. The school operational modes are as follows:

- A) Remote instruction for all students
- B) Remote instruction for most students, with certain higher-needs students (select special education, homeless, ELL, Title, LAP) receiving in-person instruction
- C) Hybrid model for grades K-5 in an A/B cohort model
- D) Hybrid model for all grades in an A/B cohort model
- E) Return to regular school operations, with necessary modifications to address any ongoing effects of COVID-19

We continue to monitor COVID-19 activity rates via the [Clark County Public Health](#) (CCPH) website and meet weekly with our local public health officials. We will move cautiously, always with our students' and staff's safety and well-being at the center of the decision.

I'm excited to share with you that the District continues to add resources and supports to Ridgefield Remote. Just yesterday, we launched our [Homework Help](#) Zoom support. We offer live homework support from 5:00 - 8:00 PM Monday - Thursday for most of the K-8 grade bands. We hope to expand this service to all grades soon. We also launched a Tech Hotline. If you are having difficulty with your Chromebook, please email: helpdesk@ridgefieldsd.org or call 360-619-1363.

Today marks the end of our second week of Ridgefield Remote. While admittedly different, I know my boys and our family are finding a groove, and each day, we get a little more comfortable with the distance model. I hope your family is finding your groove too. I have heard from many of you how pleased you are with the start of the school year. I am very proud of all of our teachers and staff who have worked diligently to make Ridgefield Remote come to life. And I am grateful for all our students and parents for making the most of this new learning environment. In our continuous Pursuit of Premier, I ask you to take a few minutes and participate in our newest Thought Exchange ([click here](#)) to share your experiences so far.

2020 continues to challenge us all. I encourage you to find a moment of hope and inspiration this weekend. Share your strength and resolve with others in the community, and together we will remain #RidgefieldResilient.

Sincerely,



Dr. Nathan McCann
Superintendent