

September 19, 2020

Dear Ridgefield Families,

The response to our Registration for Remote/Hybrid Learning Survey has been impressive, with more than 400 responses already. Thank you very much to everyone who has participated. For those of you who have not yet participated, it is critical you do so by Wednesday, September 23. Several of you have taken the time to write and ask a few clarifying questions to help make a more informed decision. I thought I would take the opportunity this evening to share with all families these questions and answers.

Q: What does the hybrid schedule look like for my child?

A: The Ridgefield School District will be using an alternating A/B schedule. More specifically, students assigned to group A will attend school all day in-person on Mondays and Thursdays. Students assigned to group B will attend school all day in-person on Tuesdays and Fridays. Wednesday is a remote-day for all students.

Q: Does my child attend school with everyone from their class?

A: No. The A/B model described above divided each class into two groups (an A group and a B group). Further, only one group will be on-campus at any given time. This assists in our efforts to maintain appropriate social-distancing.

Q: Will Ridgefield Remote remain the same?

A: Yes. Students remaining with Ridgefield Remote will continue to follow the same schedule they currently have.

Q: Will Ridgefield Remote remain an option available to my child all year?

A: Yes the current survey asks you to commit through the end of the first trimester (November 24). Prior to the end of the first trimester, the District will send another survey asking you to make a choice for the second trimester.

Q: Will my child(ren) have the same teacher when we transition to hybrid?

A: The District cannot promise that students will have the same teacher in either instructional mode. This is because the District must balance teacher staffing between both instructional modes (Ridgefield Remote and hybrid). Please know, it is the District's intention to keep as many students as possible with their current teacher.

Q: Will recess be offered in the hybrid model?

A: Yes, there will be recess.

Q. Do students have to wear masks when on-campus?

A: Yes, safety is our utmost priority. Following guidance from the Washington Department of Health, masks are required for all students, staff, and parents when in District buildings and when using District transportation.

Q: Will students still have specialists (art, library, music, PE) in the hybrid model?

A: Yes, students will continue to receive instruction from our specialists.

Q: Will social-distancing protocols be in place?

A: Yes, the District will enforce guidance from the Washington Department of Health, Clark County Department of Health, and Labor and Industry.

Thank you again for your continued support of the Ridgefield School District. Stay well and remain #RidgefieldResilient.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. McCann', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Nathan McCann
Superintendent