

September 25, 2020

Dear Ridgefield Families,

We are just days away from October, which is the birthday month for both my boys. October is always so much fun, with parties and fall-themed family outings. I look forward to the annual trip to the pumpkin patch with Amanda, Jamison, and Declan. I realize events will look a little different this year, but I refuse to let the memorable moments slip through my family's hands. Years from now, my boys won't remember the social distancing requirements, the face coverings, the hand sanitizer stations, or the myriad other safety protocols in place. Ok, they probably will remember, as the pandemic has left an indelible mark on everyone. But, what I hope they will remember most is the time spent with family. We will remain #RidgefieldResilient.

As I shared with you earlier this week, [Clark County Public Health \(CCPH\)](#) released the 14-day COVID activity level, 76.15 cases per 100,000 people. This number puts our area in the "high" range, thereby delaying the transition to hybrid in-person learning. CCPH recommends that COVID activity rates remain below 75 cases per 100,000 people for at least three consecutive weeks. We will continue to coordinate with CCPH and communicate with you the District's transition plan as we learn more.

The Learning Mode survey is now closed. A quick apology: last night, an unintended email went out to ALL K-5 parents indicating they had not completed the survey. A follow-up email went out immediately, attempting to clarify the mistake. Please know that if you were one of the nearly 1,400 respondents that completed the survey, we have recorded your choice. Thank you for your assistance. For those who have not completed the survey, your student will be enrolled in Ridgefield Remote (our remote only) learning mode through the end of the first trimester (November 24) unless you email parentsurvey@ridgefieldsd.org indicating your desire for hybrid learning by the end of today.

A staff member recently shared with me that, "...there is an order to things that we may not understand, but in hindsight, we see that things work out as they should." The Ridgefield School District is committed to moving forward with positivity, inspiration, and inclusiveness. Knowing that we will be stronger and closer as a community for the shared challenges, we triumphed when this is all over. Stay safe and continue to remain #RidgefieldResilient.

Sincerely,



Dr. Nathan McCann
Superintendent