



RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Faculty and Families,

We weathered through an inconsistent week of in-school learning. While I am unsure if you share my sentiment, I am hopeful that the reliable Punxsutawney Phil is wrong and that spring arrives soon.

Wishing for a full week of "in-person" school....

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A Few Bits

Board of Education Budget

The Board of Education will discuss the Superintendent's Proposed Budget and adopt a budget on Monday, February 22. The Board of Education will present their Budget to the Board of Selectman on Wednesday, February 24. Don't hesitate to reach out with questions.

School Status

Elementary school students will continue in the full in-person learning model. SRMS and ERMS continue to remain in hybrid. RHS also remains hybrid; however, due to the number of families who are opting for Temporary Remote Cohort C, families choosing in-person cohort A/B are able to attend five days in person, so long as RHS attendance rates remain low and can accommodate this option. Families should contact their child's school counselor at RHS with any questions.

Health and Safety

COVID-19 cases have continued their downtrend locally. New cases per 100k population per day on a seven day rolling average are now 12.0 for Ridgefield. [The data can be found here.](#) While the trend is a cause for optimism we ask that the community remain vigilant and continue to take measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. We know what works: face masks, social distancing and handwashing. Please continue in these efforts.

Food Service

Unfortunately, due to the weather, we will not be able to offer meal distribution today, Friday February 19 at East Ridge Middle School.

Next week should be a normal week for our food distribution. Both Barlow Mountain and Scotland Elementary schools will continue with weekend meal distribution and East Ridge Middle School will have afternoon pick up on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Please know, should weather on any day cause a remote learning day or snow day we will most likely not be distributing meals at our East Ridge Middle School location in the afternoon. Let's hope for calm weather weeks ahead!

RPS Highlights

Enjoy the RPS News [here!](#)

[Ridgefield Tiger Talk](#): I hope you were able to binge listen to a few episodes over the extended weekend. In this week's new episode we welcome back to the podcast Dane Street the Athletics Director for Ridgefield High School. Mr. Street gives us an update on the current happenings in Winter sports, all of the accomplishments of this year's Fall sports, and a look forward to Spring. Thanks for listening!

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Quote of the Week:

"Being curious about your friend's experience is more important than being right." Lisa Feldman Barrett