



# RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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*Superintendent of Schools*

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Dear Faculty and Families,

As I write this note, I am reminded that many of you are on summer holiday and may 'unplug' a bit. In that vein, I will try to keep these communications brief. That said, I hope this note finds you well, healthy, and enjoying your summer.

I wish you all a wonderful Fourth of July.

*Susie*

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## **Updates**

### **Reopening Committee**

Our subcommittees continue to meet and are now focusing on the state guidance/mandates and how they influence their focus area. The full 50 page CSDE document can be accessed [here](#). The reopening groups "Steering Committee" will be holding a Virtual Town Hall meeting on July 15 at 7:00pm. More details will follow soon. The District is expected to submit its plan to CSDE no later than July 24, 2020. You should have received a survey from Dr. Elizabeth Hannaway earlier today that will help support our planning for the reopening of school. The survey can be found here, [Reopening Planning](#) survey. We realize we have sent many surveys over the past month- thank you for your patience, and feedback. All of them have been useful in our planning.

## **School Buildings**

While our 12 month staff will be working from our school buildings, our schools remain closed to the public. Please call the school office should you have any questions, and we will do our best to serve you remotely.

## **Race, Social Justice and Diversity**

We are considering the best ways to engage our school District and community in discussions/topics on race, social justice and diversity. You can expect to hear more about our approach in future communications.

Our leadership group will be reading: *“Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix of the National Book Award-winning Stamped from the Beginning by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds.”* We welcome you to join us in reading this summer selection.

Additional texts for students:

[The Carter G. Woodson Awards, 2020](#)

[Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People](#)

## **CT Learning Hub**

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is offering CT Learning Hub “universal access to curated tools and resources anytime, anywhere.” These resources are available to all stakeholders. You can access the webpage of digital resources [here](#). The site offers online and offline learning.

## **Fourth of July**

Linked [here](#) are resources to share with students on the history of the 4th of July.

## **Health Assessment**

Please see important assessment information from CSDE regarding health assessments for the 2020/2021 school year: [linked here](#)

Kindergarten, rising 6th and rising 9th graders

Please click on the following links for important health information for the fall:

- Kindergarten, click [here](#)
- Grade 6, click [here](#)
- Grade 9, click [here](#)

## **Summer School**

Summer School begins this Monday, July 6, and runs through July 31st. Virtual classes run M-F, 8:00am-11:00am. The Summer School registration deadline has been extended to Wednesday, July 8.

Click [here](#) for Summer School Information

Click [here](#) for Freshman Readiness information