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Dear Faculty and Families,

I hope your summer is off to a great start. As many of you know by now, our Governor has announced Connecticut's plan for the reopening of school. This plan identifies all students returning to school everyday.

The Reopening Model, "ADAPT, ADVANCE, ACHIEVE: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together" outlines six guiding principles:

1. Safeguarding the health & safety of students and staff;
2. Allowing all students the opportunity to return into the classrooms full time starting in the fall;
3. Monitoring the school populations and, when necessary, potentially cancelling classes in the future to appropriately contain COVID-19 spread;
4. Emphasizing equity, access, and support to the students and communities who are emerging from this historic disruption;
5. Fostering strong two-way communication with partners such as families, educators and staff; and
6. Factoring into decisions about reopening the challenges to the physical safety and social-emotional well-being of our students when they are not in school.

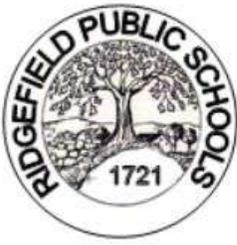
I am attaching two documents from the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) that briefly outline the reopening plan: [Reopening Executive Summary](#) and [Reopening Slides](#). We expect further details from the CSDE early next week. All guidance from the State will be shared with our District Reopening Committee ([Framework linked here](#)) whose work has begun. This information will help in our planning and allow us to meet the specific needs and goals of our community. There is a significant amount of detail, considerations and scenario planning that will happen at the local level, and you can expect to receive updates as we move forward with our work.

Parents, students, and community members who are interested in providing input to RPS Reopening Committee, please do so using this email address: reopening@ridgefieldps.net

Warmly,

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