



# RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Faculty and Families,

I realize these are complex times, and incredibly unpredictable. We are working hard to maintain consistency while at the same time, ensure we are communicating timely and as transparently as possible. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Attached you will find a brief communication with a few highlights.

Enjoy your weekend.

Warmly,

*Susie*

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## **A Few Bits**

### **Board of Education Meeting**

Our Board of Education meeting was held on November 9, 2020. You can find that meeting [here](#). During this meeting we provided a brief update on the current learning model and our work in monitoring and adjusting for the ever-changing circumstances.

### **Learning Model Update and CDC Holiday Guidelines**

As shared in prior communications, each Friday afternoon my team and I meet with the Ridgefield Director of Health, Ed Briggs and RPS Medical Advisor, James Ahern and review

our current learning model. As of today, we will continue:

- Elementary Schools- fully in person
- Middle Schools- current hybrid model

- High School-current hybrid model

We are in the process of updating our site to reflect the most current information.

*Please be reminded that our learning model may shift to 'remote' if we are unable to staff classrooms or a school in an appropriate and safe way.*

This is the time of the year when we find ourselves gathering with family and friends and enjoying the many blessings that come with the season. I will communicate further next week, but in the meantime, I am including the CDC Holiday Guidelines [here](#) as well as information on Connecticut [travel advisories](#) as you finalize your holiday plans.

We thank you in advance for doing your part to ensure that we maximize our ability to keep our schools open safely.

### **Internet**

The District has received Kajeet hotspots under the Everybody Learns Initiative. If you are in need of internet services, you may confidentially contact your school principal.

### **RPS Highlights**

Enjoy the RPS News [here!](#)

[Ridgefield Tiger Talk](#): In this week's episode, we get a glimpse inside the decision-making process that happens every Friday between the Town's Director of Health, Ed Briggs, the RPS Medical Advisor, Dr. James Ahern, and the leadership of the Ridgefield Public School system. This group works incredibly hard to adapt to the changing situations in Ridgefield while also adjusting to the new guidance given from the state. Make sure you have a listen to this important show!

Don't forget to follow *fun* and important news on social media at: **Twitter:**

**@RPS\_DaSilva Instagram: rpssuper**

### **Quote of the Week**

"The ultimate goal of education is to prepare students to be independent and resourceful, to take action when parents or teachers are not around to intervene or offer help, and to find ways to handle issues or problems that they encounter in daily life. We

want children to become self-directed learners, set their own goals, and be responsible for their behavior.” Fang G