



River Ridge School District

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September 24, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At the September 23rd Special School Board Meeting, the Board accepted Administration's recommendation to modify our Wednesday schedule beginning September 30th. The reasons behind this decision are as follows: allow time for proper deep cleaning procedures, further teacher availability for one on one communication, additional training and support for teachers on learning management systems (Schoology/Seesaw), having time for our staff to learn and collaborate, and very importantly to help the mental health of all our students and staff.

Through this pandemic, as a community we are all struggling with the unknowns of the situation. The amount of changes that happen on a daily basis has resulted in all of our staff taking on additional responsibilities without any more time in our day. We have a strong staff, but even these circumstances have challenged their mental health. To properly serve our students, your children, we need to have a mentally strong staff. The additional time to learn, plan, prepare, and communicate will make for a better learning environment for everyone in the district.

We understand this change will affect some families need for childcare. Childcare was the major issue we could not remedy as we determined to change our Wednesday schedule. This decision was not taken lightly, however we feel the benefits will have a positive impact on our students and staff.

After much discussion, Administration set the following Wednesday schedule.

- Elementary students will attend school in-person until 12:20 p.m.
- Middle school students will attend school in-person until 12:30 p.m.
- All high school students, purple and white, will attend virtually until 12:00 p.m. Further schedule information for high school students will be communicated early next week.
- On Wednesday afternoons, students will be able to schedule times to communicate with their teachers.

This will be every Wednesday at least through the first semester. We appreciate your flexibility with this ever changing situation. We must remember to be kind to one another because we are all dealing with this together. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact myself at (608) 994-2715.

Sincerely,

Clay Koenig, Superintendent
River Ridge School District