



October 6, 2020

Dear Ridgewood School Community,

After careful review of the first month of Phase 1 and the many factors and considerations involved in implementing Phase 2, we have determined that the district will not be ready to transition to Phase 2 by October 19, as originally specified in the reopening plan. Our goal has not changed; however, the complicated nature of extending the school day requires substantial planning to make the next phase as successful as the first.

Many surrounding school districts have not yet opened for in-school learning and several have only recently opened. Some districts have already experienced school closures. We are all learning that this is not the time to make sudden shifts, particularly as we are seeing an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in our state. We must be prudent when developing the specifics of Phase 2 so that we don't compromise the positive start of the school year. This new territory that we are confronted with does not align with our traditional practices and protocols, but we are finding creative solutions.

In the reopening plan, we put forth a framework for our phased-in approach based on information that we had at that time and indicated that the plan was subject to change. We are carefully monitoring the progress of Phase 1. For example, we have made necessary scheduled adjustments at the middle and high school levels in response to feedback from our staff and students. While doing so, we have been working diligently toward the development of Phase 2. All stakeholders have been included in this process, and input has been collected from our staff, parents, the Pandemic Response Teams, and the Home and School Associations. Also, we will be gathering feedback from our 6-12 students through a survey that is going out this week. A careful analysis of the data, as well as a review of all operating procedures, will help us to determine the best path forward. There are many interdependent factors to examine in altering our Phase 1 plans, and as we did for Phase 1, careful and deliberate planning will contribute to a smooth and safe transition to Phase 2.

At this time, we are extending Phase 1 through at least Friday, November 6. Please see the attached calendars, which outline the A-K/L-Z rotation through that time. We will keep you apprised of our progress as plans for Phase 2 evolve, and I thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate our students' education in these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

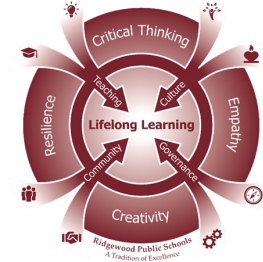
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Hybrid Model Schedule



October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 L - Z	2 A - K	3
4	5 L - Z	6 A - K	7 L - Z	8 A - K	9 L - Z	10
11	12 Columbus Day	13 A - K	14 L - Z	15 A - K	16 L - Z	17
18	19 A - K	20 L - Z	21 A - K	22 L - Z	23 A - K	24
25	26 L - Z	27 A - K	28 L - Z	29 A - K	30 L - Z	31

November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 A - K	3 PD/No School	4 L - Z	5 NJEA /No School	6 NJEA /No School	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Recess	27 Recess	28
29	30					