

Dear Riverview Parents,

We hope you are enjoying the holiday season. Whether you're celebrating something special or will be simply enjoying time off, we wish you good health, joyful moments with family and friends, and opportunities to create lasting memories. Here are a few key updates for this week:

- 1. Paraprofessional and Substitute Opportunities Our students and staff greatly need additional classroom support. We're looking for paraprofessionals and substitute teachers. Opportunities range from working as few as three hours to 5.5 hours daily for paraprofessionals, and full days for substitutes. Your effort to reach out to potential candidates is invaluable, and if you're able to contribute your time, we would greatly welcome your support. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this critical area. If everyone can reach out to a couple of people that may be interested, it would greatly help. We really do need support.
- 2. Winter Health Alert With the winter season, we often see a rise in cold, flu, and COVID-19 cases. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home, consult your primary physician and our school nursing staff, and follow necessary steps to ensure their recovery and safety. Remember, we offer FREE COVID-19 tests at each school for all families. Feel free to take what you need, and we thank you for helping to maintain a safe school environment as we navigate our typical winter health challenges.
- 3. <u>Snow Days/Delayed Openings Protocol</u> Winter also brings snow, and with it, the need to make tough decisions regarding school closures and delayed openings. Although we are a walking district, many of our students, parents and staff drive to school, and we spend sleepless nights collaborating with our local police departments, bus companies, town crews, and neighboring schools to make the best decisions for everyone's safety. While we understand that our decisions may not always be popular, we prioritize safety above all and *request your understanding and trust in our process*. Please refrain from overloading our phone lines with non-emergency calls, as we need to keep them open for

potential emergencies. For snow days, we have one traditional day off incorporated into our calendar. If conditions allow for safe outdoor activities, we will opt for a physical make-up day on Thursday, March 28th, rather than virtual learning. Subsequent and other inclement weather days will transition to virtual learning, for which we are fully prepared. We'll communicate promptly as these situations arise, though we're hoping for a mild winter.

4. <u>School Board</u> – We welcome our new board members (and current members) and appreciate their willingness to *volunteer countless hours* to support our students, staff, and schools. All board members' delegations and contact information have been updated on the "<u>School Board</u>" tab on our District website. If you see one of our board members, please thank them for their service to all of us!

This concludes our updates for this week. You can always stay current on all school events on our <u>District Calendar</u>, <u>District Website</u>, and <u>Athletics</u> and <u>Facebook</u> pages. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Riverview School District and we hope you continue to stay happy, peaceful, and safe.

Go Raiders! Sincerely,

The Riverview Administration