

Dear Riverview Families,

We hope you continue to be safe, peaceful, and well. Below are some important items for your consideration. For those of you that have/had loved ones connected to the 9/11 tragedy nineteen years ago, our thoughts are with you today.

1. **Community organizations to Support Families** - We have been reaching out and working with our community and faith-based organizations in Verona and Oakmont to provide additional support and safe spaces to support students and families during this health crisis. Below (in yellow) is a document that we will continue to update that will provide a list of organizations that are opening their doors to support families, provide Wifi, spaces, and sometimes staff during this time of need. We will continue to update this document as more organizations reach out to provide support to families. We thank these organizations for their willingness to reach out and assist. More to come.

[Verona/Oakmont Community Organizations Support List](#)

2. **Covid Information / Metrics** – Many families have asked us to illuminate the items we analyze when considering instructional plans moving forward. We hope this will help. As you know, we are constantly analyzing health data and watching, listening, and learning from the health department and the school districts around us. We meet weekly with Allegheny County Health officials and other Allegheny county school officials as well. We utilize reports from the county that outline the following health-related metrics:

- Overall cases
- Positivity rates
- Number of people treated per number of new cases
- Decline in new cases
- New cases below threshold
- Reproduction numbers
- Decline in hospitalizations
- ICU bed usage
- Decline in deaths
- Two-week cumulative incidence rates and current trends in incidence.

The county officials also provide us with predictions in regard to the confluence of Covid-19 and the imminent cold and flu season this fall, and how that may look.

We are always considering alternative options and are carefully watching the schools that have in-person learning and taking note of their experiences. Also keep in mind that there is no current combination of metrics that are being used to make decisions regarding instructional plans since this is new territory for schools across the Commonwealth.

3. **Important School Lunch Changes** - The Pennsylvania Department of Education Food and Nutrition Program has notified our district that we can revert our meal program back to the Seamless Summer Feeding Option (SSO) through December 31, 2020. Because this program

benefits our children, families, schools and communities in so many ways, we are happy to announce that we will indeed be utilizing this program! The SSO program began yesterday, Thursday, September 10, 2020. The meal pick-up sites will be Verner Elementary and Tenth Street Elementary. The pick-up times are still 11am-1pm. **Meals will be available for FREE** to all residents 18 years of age or younger in both communities. The meals will be distributed Mon-Fri. **The preordering link that was being used the first two weeks of school has been discontinued.** Please continue to check the Food Service page for menus and other updates. The Food Service page can be found in yellow at the link below:

Riverview Food Services Website

4. **Board Meeting Information** - We want to remind everyone that there is a Student Life Board Meeting Study Session occurring this Monday at 7pm. To delineate, a **study session** is a board meeting where the Board receives important information from the Administration and Staff regarding the management of the District. At these meetings, BOE members study, deliberate, and discuss important topics and issues more in depth. Although there is no formal public participation in these meetings, this is a great opportunity to learn about topics and issues that are pertinent to the District. On September 21st, there is a **voting meeting**. Voting meetings are designated for board members to vote on topics and issues that are previously discussed in study sessions. During these meetings, it may appear as if some items are being voted upon with little or no discussion. This, however, is not usually the case because some items may have appeared on a previous agenda or may have been discussed at length at a study session or executive session. At a voting meeting, there is a hearing of the citizens, where the public can make comments for the board to consider. Agendas and minutes for Board meetings are always posted on our District website (please note - these take a couple of weeks to post as the minutes need to be approved and voted upon), as well as the links to the meetings and other important information. The link is provided in yellow below:

Riverview School Board Website

5. **Riverview Education Foundation** - The Riverview Educational Foundation (REF) is a wonderful community organization that works tirelessly to support our students. The REF is looking for support from district parents and community members. Join them on **Tuesday, October 6, 2020 via Zoom at 6:30 pm (look for a link soon!)**. The REF has funded approximately **\$115,000** in projects since the first monies were granted in 2017. These projects support students district-wide in all grades; so no matter what age your child is, the foundation is important. Strong public schools build great communities. We need your ideas and energy to continue matching money with projects, so please attend and spread the word! Please consider joining the REF, and join us at our next meeting on October 6th. For more information, please contact Stefani Garibay at sgaribay16@gmail.com. More information to come.

We hope this information helps to keep you informed. Enjoy your weekend, and be safe, peaceful, and kind. GO RAIDERS!

Sincerely,

The Riverview Administration