

Dear Riverview Families,

We hope that you have had a good week, and that you continue to be peaceful, safe, and well. Below are a few items for your consideration this week.

- 1. New Riverview Partnership / In Person School Planning Update** – We have tried to be as transparent as possible in terms of considering alternative in person options for students. We know that some of you are in favor of this. We are in favor of this well. As we have stated from the start of school, we are investing an incredible amount of time and energy into the planning process. Of course, when considering these options, the most important aspect in our planning is the health and safety of the students and community. As many of you have stated, managing the demands of the county health metrics and operationalizing that data has been a significant challenge. To address this challenge, we have entered into a cost free (foundation funded) partnership with a company called [Epistemix](#). This company will be working with us for the duration of this school year to provide assistance in evaluating our operational plans, schedules, and other interventions to minimize the number of cases in our schools. They will also share information from other districts on what policies are working best to help us in our decision making capabilities. This newfound relationship and the additional data is welcomed and should help us as we consider in-person plans. If all of our data points suggest a level of safety that is amenable, we will make a recommendation to the Board of Education for some level of in person instruction within CDC guidelines at the October 12th Board Study Session. We hope this provides you with clarity and direction in terms of our future programming. Between now and then, we will continue to communicate with you in regard to these decisions. Thank you for your continued cooperation and patience.
- 2. Riverview Reporter** – This is a great informational pamphlet set to go out to parents and community members this week that highlights the many strengths of our District. This will be mailed to you via the U.S. postal service. Please be on the lookout for that. A special thanks to Eddie Phillipps for helping us to make this happen.
- 3. Technology Update** – Seesaw, Insync (Eureka Math), and Clever are up and running. Those applications and supports will be made available to all students according to the timeline set forth by each individual teacher. In addition, all students and families that have asked for devices have received them. Our technology department has done a fantastic job of handling the demands of this unique situation and we sincerely thank them. If you have additional technology related issues or questions, please email our tech department at ithelpdesk@rsd.k12.pa.us
- 4. Sports Protocols** – Although we are still awaiting the appeal process for the ruling on the indoor/outdoor gathering limits, they are still currently in effect. The largest event we have this week is our football home opener. We will have the cheer squad, both team's players, a small socially distanced pep band, and field and school personnel in attendance. Each student will receive one ticket. No additional spectators will be allowed on the premises. We are asking for your cooperation as we have to abide by the mandates and keep everyone safe. At the scrimmage last week, we had

spectators line up along the fence, without masks and not practicing physical distancing guidelines. This defeats the purpose of the order and puts others at risk. The game will be streamed and the link to the stream is included below if you want to watch at home. Our game on Saturday is against Jeanette and is set to occur at noon. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Live Stream Link:

<https://boxcast.tv/view/riverview-vs-jeanette---varsity-football-e6wlyezw2okbfwe4kxjk>

5. **Community Resources** - As discussed last week, here is an updated community resources link:

[Community Organizations List 9.18.20](#)

6. **Communication** – We recognize that these are trying times and that community members may be experiencing frustration. Please continue to maintain respectful and open communication with the school. School staff will make every effort to respond within 24 hours to parent communications with the understanding that the instructional day sometimes precludes immediate responses. School staff may need some time to collect needed information before responding. Most communications of classroom concerns should be directed at first to your child’s teacher. Please remember that we are working hard, and we are your allies in the education of your children.

Thank you and enjoy your weekend. Go Raiders!

Sincerely,

The Riverview Administration