



# RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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*Susie Da Silva, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools*

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Dear Families,

Happy Friday. Here are a few quick updates.

Warmly,

*Susie*

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## Updates

### **ESY Summer Program/Athletic Reconditioning:**

Some students returned this week and they appear to be happy to be back. While the group sizes are significantly reduced, our staff is extremely cautious and have implemented all of the safety protocols with fidelity. Thank you for trusting your children to us.

### **Reopening of School:**

This [video](#) was sent to the community on Wednesday of this past week. A Virtual Town Hall is scheduled for July 15, 2020 at 7:00pm via the RPS BOE YouTube Live Channel. The Town Hall will be moderated by Dr. DeSantis and will include the Reopening Steering Committee, as well as Dr. Ahern, the District's Medical Advisor, and Aaron Crook, our District Nursing Coordinator. If you would like to submit questions for the Town Hall meeting, please email them to:

[reopening@ridgefieldps.net](mailto:reopening@ridgefieldps.net), and type *Town Hall Questions* in the subject line. The purpose of this event and video is to ensure a common understanding of what is **required** by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) to be included as a part of our plan. We will be presenting our plan to the Board of Education on July 22. After July 22, you can expect more information on the RPS plan.

## **Another Survey**

We realize that we have distributed many surveys over the past few months. Thank you for completing them- I can assure you that we use all of the information provided to improve and/or inform our work. We appreciate your responsiveness to each of them. In that spirit, I ask that you complete this brief questionnaire: [Superintendent's Questionnaire](#) to help inform the next level of the District work. This survey is for families only.

## **Racism, Diversity and Equity**

An interesting piece worth sharing: [National Education Policy Center: Court Ruling on School Segregation from 1914.](#)