



Cutten School District

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Hello Cutten and Ridgewood Families,

With the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year, we want to express our appreciation for the level of family support you have provided for the last 13 weeks. With no warning to close our schools, we worked hard as a team to tackle the challenges that COVID-19 threw our way. We could not have met our goal to keep a strong instructional program, with student social-emotional supports, without your help. We thank you.

This school year has been unprecedented due to many unforeseen events. School days lost to unexpected power outages and school closure due to the global COVID-19 pandemic forced us to redesign our teaching and learning. Most recently, we are seeing an increased awareness of the racial inequities and tensions that are alive in our country. As educators, we are dedicated to providing a welcoming and inclusive learning community that embraces our differences, as well as providing our students with the guidance to respect and value all members of society. To that end we are planning a variety of new initiatives to work toward a more just world, and we look forward to sharing these with you in the coming months.

We will be working tirelessly on various scenarios of how we can start the 2020-2021 school year. At present our guidance from the California Department of Education has clearly outlined that students and staff will wear masks, receive daily temperature and wellness checks, and maintain six feet of social distancing. These requirements will guide our planning. Ultimately, our local Humboldt County Public Health Department will be the agency that will direct the opening of all Humboldt County schools.

As we begin our summer planning for the upcoming school year we will keep our mission statement and the well-being of our Cutten-Ridgewood family ever present in our thoughts and planning. Our families have been impacted by having to provide distance learning and child care as well as facing economic hardship and/or uncertainty. At this time we wish we could give our families a clear picture of what next year will look like. The truth is we are going to begin our work with the expectation that new information will have to be integrated as it is received. We will remain flexible, open, and creative. We will keep in close communication with all of you.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this planning process. Your input is invaluable and we hope you will attend our next Community Meeting that will be held in the coming weeks. Further information about the Community Meeting will be available on our website.

Administrators will remain available on campus throughout the summer. Please contact us if you or your child need support. Thank you parents and guardians, we miss you and look forward to being together again.

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Ridgewood Principal

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