

# Ridgewood Public Schools

## **BOE and District Goals 2020-2021**



# BOE Goals

- 1) **Negotiate and Adopt New Collective Bargaining Agreement with REA**
- 2) **Appoint General Counsel and Architectural Firm**
- 3) **Develop Budget Without Disturbing Educational Progress**
- 4) **Foster Increased Public Participation and Communication**



# District Goals

## 1) Adjust Pandemic Education Plan

- Make adjustments to the schedule to increase in-person instruction in a healthy environment based on community health data

## 2) Address Mental Health Issues Due to Covid

- Implement mental health assistance and provide supportive interventions

## 3) Advance District Core Beliefs

- Examine practices related to DEI and communicate with stakeholders

## 4) Examine Gifted & Talented Program

- Develop plan to address improvements if needed



# Other Goals

- 1) **Infant Toddler Development Center Decision (ITDC)**
- 2) **Alternative Schedules Investigation (Late Start Time)**
- 3) **Capital Improvement & Budget Discussions**
- 4) **Daily Functioning of Schools**



# Progress & Plans

- Surveys of parents and students
- HSA input
- Presentations to BOE
- Create internal task forces
- Will seek parent and community input in various forms (surveys, committees, virtual mtgs)
  - Feb 23, 7-8:30 regarding elementary pandemic schedules



# Pandemic Update

## Medium risk (CDC Guidelines)

- Hybrid Learning Model, where most students and teachers engage in in-person learning and some students and teachers participate in virtual learning, with:
  - Larger in-person classes, activities, and events
  - Cohorting and alternating or staggered schedules applied with some exceptions
  - Some mixing of groups of students and teachers throughout/across school days
  - Minimal sharing of objects between students and teachers
  - Students, teachers, and staff following all steps to [protect themselves and others](#) such as proper use of face masks, social distancing, and hand hygiene
  - Regularly scheduled (i.e., at least daily or between uses) [cleaning](#) of frequently touched areas



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CDC guidelines for schools

[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/community/schools-child-care/How Do I Set Up My Classroom.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/community/schools-child-care/How_Do_I_Set_Up_My_Classroom.pdf)



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- We invited all remote learners to return to school
- We understand in-person learning works best
- We are following DOH and CDC guidelines
- We have physical distance constraints - 6'
- We have physical class size constraints - avg class 22
- We have maximized our hybrid model
- We have a great hybrid model that is working - quality vs. quantity
- We will continue to monitor the data, trends, and guidelines and adjust when appropriate

