

Dear Red Hook Families:

Thank you for your support during the first week of remote learning. We experienced some difficulties with scheduling and technology, and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through those issues. Our goal is to ensure high-quality programming in the remote learning environment. Our teachers were so excited to see their students.

We continue to plan for a hybrid reopening on Tuesday, October 13th. We have established a partnership with Pulse MD for COVID testing. We are addressing our staffing needs, and we continue to focus on health and safety needs and on modifications to our facilities.

As a district, we are very concerned about possible cuts to state aid. We receive daily updates about the possibilities of state aid cuts, and we are hearing that other districts around the state are already cutting positions. We are investigating many approaches to ensure our staff and programs stay intact. We will continue to share information at our Board meetings on this topic. Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Those interested in attending the meeting can email the District Clerk at emaskell@rhcsd.org. Community engagement is encouraged at our meetings.

In the next few weeks, we will send out guidelines for health and safety, hybrid schedules, drop-off and pick-up, and bussing to ensure a safe reopening.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Respectfully,

Janet Warden
Superintendent