



Roger León  
Superintendent

# Ridge Street School

David DeOliveira, Principal



## Welcome to the 2020-2021 School Year

Dear Students and Families:

It is truly an honor to welcome you to Ridge Street School for the 2020-2021 school year. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to continue to work with the amazing students, the highly qualified and dedicated staff, and the supportive families of this extraordinary school community!

Please know that all who are part of our school community are in my thoughts as I look forward to starting the new school year, despite such unprecedented circumstances.

As always, our ability to be consistently successful hinges upon our unrelenting drive to ensure the very best outcomes for our students and families. Superintendent Leon has emphasized the importance of patience, resilience, and confidence. Each of us will undoubtedly be expected to push the limits of our skills and creativity. Rest assured that I am confident in our collective will and our ability to do so.

Our primary goal is to best serve our students by focusing on their social and academic growth ensuring that our students will experience excellence in all aspects of their schooling. In accordance with requirements of the New Jersey Department of Education, we will be providing a hybrid model of instruction, with both in-person and remote instruction. As such, we will be able to maintain required social distancing throughout our school. Some students will attend school in person five days per week and some will receive full-time remote instruction.

Students who attend school in person must wear **masks** at all times. **Visitors will not be permitted** access into the school building. Specific safety procedures for ingress and egress will be in place and outlined within upcoming communications from our school. A ratio of 10 students to one teacher must be maintained. Keeping this mandatory ratio in mind, our school may not be able to accommodate all requests for in person instruction. Additional students will need to receive full-time remote instruction in the event that our class sizes meet this mandatory ratio.

You have received log-in credentials by email or text from SchoolMint with deadlines as to when required forms must be completed. A **Full-Time Remote Instruction Consent Form** has been included in addition to other standard forms. Please be sure to complete the Full-Time Remote Instruction Consent Form **if you wish to elect full-time remote instruction**. This form must be submitted via SchoolMint no later than **August 14, 2020**.

A strategic planning process is currently underway in order to ensure a safe and successful reopening. A virtual information session for families has been scheduled for August 26, 2020. Details regarding this information session will be distributed in the coming weeks. Whether your child will receive in person instruction or full-time remote instruction, **school will begin on September 8, 2020**, regardless of which aspect of the hybrid model has been selected.

Please keep in mind that our current realities are fluid and plans may change from one day to the next. However, you can be certain that you will receive detailed instructions and updates as plans are finalized. **For important updates and information, we ask that you regularly visit our school's website by typing [www.nps.k12.nj.us/RDG/](http://www.nps.k12.nj.us/RDG/) into your web browser.**

Our entire staff looks forward to building upon the many promising practices and achievements from the previous school year in order to help ensure the very best outcomes for our students. Thank you for entrusting us with the responsibility of supporting and guiding your child on this most important journey. Please know that we are available to discuss any concerns you may have regarding your child. I look forward to welcoming all of our students and families to another successful year at Ridge Street School!

Sincerely,

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