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September 9, 2020

Dear Peachtree Ridge High School Parents and Guardians,

Peachtree Ridge welcomed all of our in-person learners back today while continuing to support and serve our digital learners. I had the opportunity to visit classrooms throughout our school and was impressed by our teacher's dedication to all of our students. I was also impressed by the engagement by both digital and in-person students.

As all of our in-person learners are back in the building, we will be shifting from our ROAR Friday model to a schedule that supports the blended learning environment while continuing to provide our teachers the flexibility needed to provide remediation, intervention, and acceleration opportunities for all students. Effective immediately, Friday's are NOT optional learning days, they are regular class days where students can learn new curriculum while also taking assessments that measure their learning. Remediation, intervention, and acceleration opportunities will continue to be provided throughout the week, including Friday's.

Teachers will continue to take attendance on Friday's and all students, including digital, are expected to access their teachers zoom link and engage with their teacher and peers each and every period. As I was visiting classrooms today, I noticed the majority of our digital students turned off their video camera. Please encourage your student to turn their cameras on when in class. This helps our teachers connect with their students while also giving them non-verbal feedback as they're providing synchronous instruction.

Peachtree Ridge students participate in our advisement program, PRIDE, on Tuesdays. PRIDE is required and designed to support and develop productive relationships between students and school faculty. Students often develop meaningful relationships with their PRIDE teacher that helps support their learning. The PRIDE advisor also serves as an additional source of information to help the student successfully navigate high school as well as develop life skills that will be needed well after high school. Please continue to encourage and remind your student to attend their PRIDE class every Tuesday as it is a requirement.

I recognize that your student might want to switch their instructional setting during the fall semester. As we're a month into the school year, we are unable to make any changes to students who are currently participating in digital learning and want to return to in-person learning. While the district office deadline for requesting changes was this summer, I continued to honor change requests over the first couple weeks of school. Due to planning and our current set up, I am unable to approve any additional in-person requests for the fall semester. All parents will have an opportunity to adjust their student's instructional setting for the spring semester at a later date.

To continue to be informed with the most up to date news related to Peachtree Ridge High School, please consider signing up for our newsletter. In order to sign up, please click [here](#). As always,

thank you for your continued support of our school and school community. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to call 678-957-3100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JJ', written in a cursive style.

Jadd Jarusinski
Principal