



November 21, 2023

Dear Members of the Ridgewood Community:

In accordance with the American Rescue Plan (ARP-ESSER III), all school districts who have accepted ARP-ESSER III funding are required to update the Safe Return Plan for continued safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services for all schools. Districts are required to review and update these plans every six months. Districts are also required to share the plans with the community, and to provide an opportunity for public comments.

Ridgewood's Safe Return Plan, which aligns with New Jersey Department of Health guidance and conforms to the requirements set forth by the New Jersey Department of Education, is posted to the [Safe Return Plan page](#) on the RPS website. You are invited to share comments on this plan between now and December 8, 2023 by **completing the feedback form** or emailing your feedback to SafeReturnPlan@ridgewood.k12.nj.us.

We continue our commitment to compliance with federal grant requirements, and we appreciate your cooperation in implementing protocols that align with these guidelines.

Sincerely,

Mark Schwarz
Superintendent of Schools