

A Day in the District

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While the students have early dismissal on Friday, September 30th, what exactly will our teachers be doing as part of their training day? We asked Assistant Superintendent, Kimberly Beck.

Both certified and non-certified staff will receive some form of training. Here are just a few of the highlights:

Responsive Classroom level one training

According to the [website](#) for Responsive Classroom, their approach to teaching emphasizes academic, social, and emotional growth in a strong school community. (They) believe that how children learn is as important as what they learn, and that academic success is inextricably tied to building social-emotional competencies.”

Training on "Essential Reports" for the Measures of Academic Progress for the Primary Grades (MPG®)

This program offers “personalized assessment experience by adapting to each student’s learning level” and helps our K-2 teachers gain timely data about what a student knows and is ready to learn, within 24 hours, according to the team at [NWEA](#).

With the graduating class of 2017, the College Board’s redesigned SAT’s will be the predominate test for most students as the old SAT gets phased out. Teachers will receive training in the SAT reDesign.

Ongoing technical training will cover Technology Cafe, Google Drive, Google Calendar and Gmail. Additionally area specific training will include Special Education Program Planning, Assessment Alignment, Student Engagement, and Capstone Projects.

According to the [Ridgefield Public School Budget](#) for 2016-17, the purpose of professional learning is to ensure that “Ridgefield employs effective, knowledgeable teachers and leaders that provide an engaging, relevant, challenging, and inspiring learning environment” for ALL our students. As 21st Century Educators, ongoing training has never been more important in our learning environments as we prepare students to be future ready.

Thanks Dr. Beck for all your hard work in preparing for these trainings. Wishing all the students a wonderful afternoon off, and our educators an inspiring day of learning.