



HUDSON COUNTY SCHOOLS OF TECHNOLOGY

HCST Campus Information & Health-Related School Closure 03-20-20

March 20, 2020

Dear HCST Professional Community:

I am writing with deep **appreciation** as we are entering uncharted territory while providing a continuity of education with virtual learning, support, operations and food services during this health-related school closure. This unprecedented challenge has proven our solid collaboration in all areas of our operations – virtually and on-site. I am proud of what our district is accomplishing during this uncertain time.

We will continue to update you as the State sends its recommendations and guidance. HCST has closed its schools to students effective March 16, 2020 with an *anticipated* return date of March 30, 2020. Since March 18, 2020 most departments have transitioned to a virtual community during which time, assigned faculty and staff have begun work from home. All full-time instructional faculty and non-instructional staff who are working *virtually* are expected to check-in with their reporting administrators/department directors, as specifically directed by their department’s administration. Those staff members called to work *on-site* as deemed necessary by their department’s administration, should sign-in with normal timesheet procedures. ** We will reassess this developing and unpredictable situation on a *weekly* basis and keep you informed.**

Campus Updates: *Effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020, until further notice:* Explore Middle School 180 9th Street campus is closed. The Frank J. Gargiulo Campus and Earl W. Byrd Center will be opened from 6:00am until 6:00pm for various operations.

All individuals entering the building must complete a mandatory Health Questionnaire to be granted permission to enter. Social distancing is advised at all times: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>

<p>Frank J. Gargiulo Campus One High Tech Way *Main Entrance Access ONLY* Use Main Lot for Parking <i>Garage and side entrance doors will be closed.</i></p>	<p>Earl W. Byrd Center 525 Montgomery Street *Main Entrance Access ONLY* Use Bright Street, Lot 2 for Parking</p>
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If you have any facility access questions, kindly contact:

Frank J. Gargiulo Campus Security Desk (201) 662-6888
Earl W. Byrd Center Security Desk (201) 631-6332

As educators and support staff, HCST has a moral obligation to provide a supportive virtual learning environment, ensure social/emotional support through our guidance department, encourage our children to remain active and provide food services to our students. **Thank you for your continued dedication and cooperation during these trying times.** Let’s continue to move forward with a growth mindset - able to conquer challenges, learn, and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Amy Lin-Rodriguez, Superintendent

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