



HUDSON COUNTY SCHOOLS OF TECHNOLOGY

Updated School Closure Information: A Continuity of Learning

March 13, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In consultation with our Health Department and County Superintendent, The Hudson County Schools of Technology will close school buildings to students and initiate virtual learning **effective Monday, March 16, 2020 - Friday, March 20, 2020**. We will reassess this developing and unpredictable situation on a *weekly basis* and keep you informed.

Virtual learning will be available to all students via Google Classroom. Our faculty has developed a comprehensive plan for home instruction to support the continuity of learning. Instructional staff has made preparations to support virtual learning through **Google Classroom**, a platform familiar to everyone in our school district.

Guidelines for Home Instruction:

- Instructors will be available through Google platforms (classroom and district email) daily (Monday-Friday) between 9:00 am and 1:30 pm.
- Students are expected to check in daily and complete assignments to receive credit for both attendance and coursework.
- While students are expected to check in between 9:00 am and 1:30 pm, they are encouraged to work at their own pace.
- Staff and instructors will respond to students between 9:00 am and 1:30 pm on regular school days **VIA EMAIL and GOOGLE CLASSROOM**.
- Instruction will vary from class to class, as teachers will use the delivery method of instruction most appropriate to support virtual learning in their particular subject.
- Deadlines and expectations will be made clear on assignments posted on **GOOGLE CLASSROOM**. Students should address all questions and concerns with their instructors.
- Guidance and Child Study Team Members are available via email.

This is a great time for students to:

- Focus on projects
- Utilize online resources for remediation and independent learning
- Utilize Naviance for college and career planning / exploration

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Mission Statement

The Hudson County Schools of Technology is a visionary community that inspires creative independent thinking through diverse learning opportunities

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Food Service:

HCST students (only those) eligible for *free or reduced meals* can pick up at one of the following locations:

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| Earl W Bryd Center 525 Montgomery Street Jersey City, NJ 07302 *Main Entrance Bright Street - Lot2 | Frank J. Gargiulo One High Tech Way Secaucus, NJ 07094 *Main Entrance |
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- "Grab and Go" style meals will be provided for Breakfast and Lunch pick-up only.
- Breakfast will be distributed from 7:00am-9:00am
- Lunch will be distributed from 11:00am-1:00pm
- HCST students must have their school-issued ID to receive a meal.

At Hudson County Schools of Technology, our number one concern is the safety of the members of our community. We defer to the Health Department and the Department of Education to guide our planning and implementation of safety measures. Please know, the safety and health of our community is at the forefront of every decision we make. During this time, we will utilize all of our resources to support the continuity of learning through a virtual community. For up-to-date information, please visit our website www.hcstonline.org.

We are confident that through the support of our staff and community, we will be able to use this time to continue to grow, learn and stay healthy. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding with this rapidly developing situation.

Sincerely,



Amy Lin-Rodriguez, *Superintendent*