



HUDSON COUNTY SCHOOLS OF TECHNOLOGY

Updated School Closure Information: A Continuity of Learning

March 13, 2020

Dear HCST Staff:

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**. In order to support our plan for continuity of education through virtual learning and provide food services to eligible students, ALL STAFF (instructional and non-instructional) will report Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 17. All staff is expected to report to work these days to address departmental needs, finalize planning and implementation of online instruction, work within colleague cohorts and receive any further professional development with the support of our Technology Department and School / District Administration.

On **Wednesday, March 18 - Friday, March 20**, HCST will close its buildings to all non-essential employees. We will transition to a 100% virtual community during which time, staff will work from home. We will utilize the guidelines presented during the Thursday Instructional staff meetings. All non-instructional staff is expected to check-in with their department directors for further instruction.

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 created a comprehensive plan for home instruction. Instructional staff has made preparations to support virtual learning through **Google Classroom**, a platform familiar to everyone in our school district.

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 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.

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.

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