



Office of the Superintendent COVID19 School Closure Update 06-14-20

June 14, 2020

Dear HCST Families:

As we enter our final week of this unexpected school year, I am so very proud of our HCST community. While we certainly miss seeing each other's faces and in-person interactions, one thing has become crystal clear; our tight knit school community has grown even stronger. Please keep the support going strong for our students, staff, faculty and administration.

Last Week of School

Students: You are expected to work and check-in daily with your instructors, class advisors and counselors via Google Classroom, up to and including our last school day **Friday, June 19, 2020**. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any end-of-year questions to your [school counselor or child study team](#).

Back to School Paperwork

Monday, June 15th returning parents/guardians of the HCST community will receive an email with the Back to School Packet. We are providing this to you via email much earlier this year in order to provide adequate time to complete the required information. The packet must be completed and submitted online by 7/15/2020.

Parental Survey from HCST

Later this week, each member of the HCST community will be asked to complete a district-level survey to help assess our virtual learning environment and thoughts regarding school re-opening. Your feedback is important for our strategic planning process. Please check your inbox for this survey.

Class of 2020

[Seniors: The Technology June Newsletter](#) had useful information regarding your devices. If you did not receive the letter, please click here.

Thank you to the staff and families who sent thoughtful well wishes to our graduates. Check out our social media pages for your dedications throughout the month.

We look forward to honoring our graduates over the next two weeks, both in-person and virtually. Thursday, all graduates received a letter from their schools with important event dates and information. If you are a graduate and have not received your letter, please reach out to your class advisor.

Virtual Graduation Ceremonies

Explore Middle School – June 19th @ 12pm
High Tech High School – June 25th @ 10am
County Prep High School/ATD – June 25th @ 12pm

Amy Lin-Rodriguez, Superintendent ▪ Telephone (201) 662-6700 ▪ One High Tech Way ▪ Secaucus, NJ 07094

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One High Tech Way, Secaucus, NJ 07094, 201-662-6724 or Email: aabraham@hcstonline.org

Reminders:

Share your Good News!

For the past three months we have been in a virtual environment, but that hasn't stopped our students from receiving accolades for their talents and abilities! Please continue to share your good news with us.

If you want your story told, please email submissions to our public relations facilitators:
Francis O'Keefe fokeefe@hcstonline.org cc Daniel Masoud dmasoud@hcstonline.org

Remain Connected Now through Summer

Visit for the [Virtual Learning Resources & Support](#) page. There, you will find Educational Remediation Resources, PowerSchool and Tech Support guidance.

Tech Support

If you need help with your school-issued device please submit a [TECH REQUEST!](#)

On-site Tech Support will schedule an appointment with you:

Tuesdays: Frank J. Gargiulo Campus 9:00am - 1:30pm; **Thursdays:** Earl W. Byrd Center 9:00am - 1:30pm

As a district, we continue to proactively plan, following State, Department of Education and CDC guidelines, while focusing on a continuity of learning for a safe re-entry of operations. Thank you, our year could not have been successful without the support and dedication of our entire HCST Family.

Remain #HCSTstrong!

Warm Regards,



Superintendent

The HCST district-level and approved social media platforms are Facebook, Twitter and Instagram: [@hcstonline](#)

Continue to raise HCST School Spirit and demonstrate that though *we may be physically apart during this difficult time, we are not alone*: upload your photo or video: [School Spirit Submission Form](#)