



# HUDSON COUNTY SCHOOLS OF TECHNOLOGY

Health-Related School Closure Update: A Continuity of Learning 03-20-20

March 20, 2020

Dear HCST Families:

I hope this correspondence finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe. Never before has our community been faced with a challenge like this - the continued support of each family and the moral obligation of HCST providing services, are crucial in ensuring every student's success.

The Hudson County Schools of Technology will continue to keep its school buildings closed to students - supporting a continuous virtual learning environment, with an *anticipated* return on Monday, March 30, 2020. During this time of virtual learning, communication is essential in maintaining our effective collaboration in support of our students. We will continue to keep you well-informed as the State sends its recommendations and guidance by reassessing this developing and unpredictable situation on a *weekly* basis.

HCST has our dedicated faculty and staff available to provide a supportive virtual learning environment, ensure social/emotional support through our guidance department, encourage your children to remain active and provide food services for those eligible. I am proud that the levels of *faculty, staff, and student engagement* with instruction and support have been successful thus far. The HCST departments have done impressive work transitioning to this virtual environment, thanks to the dedication and commitment to learning from our students/families.

The HCST instructional staff will continue to provide virtual learning through Google for all daytime schools/academies for the week of **Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**. Please work with us in ensuring daily check-ins and assignment completion for each student to receive credit for both attendance and coursework each day. School Guidance and Child Study Team Members are available via email, *included in the Guidance/CST Newsletter available on Google Classroom*.

Our Earl W. Byrd Center and Frank J. Gargiulo Campus continue to be open for food service distribution for eligible students. For those visiting our campuses for food services, social distancing is advised at all times:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>

**Technology Support:** <http://www.hcstonline.org/virtual-learning-resources-support/>

**Stay Connected:** Visit [www.hcstonline.org](http://www.hcstonline.org) for the most up-to-date district announcements.

Thank you for your patience during these trying times. Let's continue to move forward, together, with a growth mindset - able to conquer challenges, learn, and stay healthy.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Lin Rodriguez".

Amy Lin-Rodriguez, *Superintendent*

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