



Office of the Superintendent COVID19 School Closure Update 05-31-20

May 31, 2020

Dear HCST Community:

We are entering the final month of our unique school year. Our in-person interactions are surely missed, but our virtual environment has proven to be the next best means of positive support for continuity within our cohesive community. I encourage you all to keep the support going strong for our students, staff, faculty and administration.

Gradual Re-entry Plans

HCST planning during this unprecedented time continues to rely upon the latest data, statistics and discoveries of the medical community. We remain steadfast in keeping our two main priorities in the forefront: safety of members of our community and continuity of learning. Our Central Office Team continues to collaborate with each department and school administrator to plan important end-of-year projects and activities. Virtual graduation celebrations, important dates and facilities information will be continuously updated in the upcoming weeks and shared via email as well as posted on the website.

Recognizing that Hudson County continues to have the highest numbers of positive COVID-19 cases in the state, we all need to do our part and make necessary, although difficult, sacrifices to protect our community. We thank our County Executive, Board of Chosen Freeholders, Board of Education, employees and families for supporting our various phases of planning and re-entry throughout this health-related closure.

Honoring the Class of 2020

You have just a few more days to submit your personal well wishes! Let's continue to remind the Class of 2020, "We are here for you!" Their time in HCST is commendable! Click on the links below:

HCST High Schools

[Adult High School](#)

[County Prep High School/ATD](#)

[High Tech High School](#)

HCST Middle School

[Explore Middle School](#)

*Submission links will be deactivated June 7th.

A Night of Talent - *visit & like our Facebook for other HCST student stories! @hcstonline*

Friday, May 29, 2020 both County Prep and High Tech High Schools launched their premiere virtual performances. Click on the links below to enjoy the unique talents of our dedicated directors, editors and students:

CPHS Performing Arts: [mini-virtual-2020 County Prep Talent Show](#)

HTHS Drama Majors: ["All in the Timing"](#) by David Ives

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School Spirit - We Are #HCSTstrong

We need to close out our submissions database...

Inspire your friends to participate:

selfies of support, creative projects and activities, a screenshot of you/students, a quick display of a talent, etc.

🔔 Please submit your School Spirit photo or video: [School Spirit Submission](#)

* By uploading or emailing your photo or video clip, you authorize HCST to use your submission for the use of HCST-related content. Video will be posted to the HCST website and HCST approved media outlets.

Reminders:

Important June Dates

Last Day of School - June 19th

Virtual Graduation Ceremonies – dates/times to be announced this week

Remain Connected

Visit [HCST's COVID-19 site](#) for the [Virtual Learning Resources & Support](#) page. There, you will find Educational Remediation Resources, PowerSchool and Tech Support guidance.

HCST Connections Newsletter

Editors are finalizing submissions to highlight *your* community connections during this health-related closure - virtual classrooms, local community, etc. ~ View the *HCST Connections* [April 2020 Edition](#)

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

Tech Support

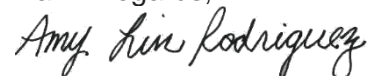
If you need help with your school-issued device please submit a [TECH REQUEST!](#)

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

I appreciate and look forward to your continued support for our district as we finish off this last month of school #HCSTstrong.

Warm Regards,



Superintendent