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Dear Hinds County School District Parents,

We recognize the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the United States, including over 50 confirmed case in Mississippi, is a cause of concern. We encourage you to visit the Mississippi State Department of Health website (msdh.ms.gov) for the most recent information about the effects of COVID-19 in the state.

Based on the latest guidance from MSDH, individuals should adhere to the following:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 70% alcohol.
- Avoid any gatherings with more than 10 people.

On yesterday, Gov. Tate Reeves asked that school districts remain closed until April 17, 2020. The earliest that school would resume would be April 20, 2020. We will notify everyone if additional days are added to the closure.

Beginning on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, HCSD will implement an “At-Home Blended Personalized Learning” approach for all students. Teachers will share coursework through online learning platforms, email, and print copies mailed directly to students to ensure they are continuing to build the twenty-first century skills that will prepare them for college and careers.

Families can expect to receive “Blended Study at Home Course Work Agendas” in the mail no later than Wednesday, March 25, 2020. If parents do not receive an agenda for their child by Wednesday, March 25, please email your child’s school at:

- Bolton Edwards Elem./Middle.....BEEMS_Administration@hinds.k12.ms.us
- Byram Middle.....BMS_Administration@hinds.k12.ms.us
- Carver Middle.....Cms_Administration@hinds.k12.ms.us
- HCC Career Center.....scarmichael@hinds.k12.ms.us
- Gary Road Elementary.....Gre-Administrators@hinds.k12.ms.us
- Gary Road Intermediate.....Gri-Administrators@hinds.k12.ms.us
- Raymond Elementary.....Res-Administrators@hinds.k12.ms.us
- Raymond High.....Rhs_Administration@hinds.k12.ms.us
- Terry High.....Ths_Administration@hinds.k12.ms.us
- Utica Elem./Middle.....UEMS_Administration@hinds.k12.ms.us

Our students have made great academic progress this year as indicated by our Term 3 assessments which were conducted the week prior to spring break. It is our goal to continue to provide instruction to address the educational needs of our students. Please note the following actions we are taking and the assistance we need from you as we partner in this “Study at Home” endeavor.

HCSD Support / Provision in Print	Parent Support
<p>K- 2 Students: Students will receive <i>Study at Home Instructional Packets</i> in the mail for reading and mathematics. The lessons are outlined in a plan on the coversheet and are clearly marked with the dates on which each lesson should be completed. The plans carry our students to May 1, 2020, should the closure be extended.</p>	<p>K – 2 Students: Please read the coversheet on the packets and help your child complete each day’s lesson.</p>
<p>3rd – 8th Grade Students: Students will receive <i>Study at Home Instructional Packets</i> in the mail for reading, science, and mathematics. The lessons are outlined in a plan on the coversheet and are clearly marked with the dates on which each lesson should be completed. The plans carry our students to May 1, 2020, should the closure be extended.</p>	<p>3rd – 8th Grade Students: Please read the coversheet on the packets and help your child complete each day’s lesson.</p>
<p>High School Students: Students will receive <i>Study at Home Instructional Packets</i> in the mail for each academic class they take. The lessons are clearly outlined and will carry our students to April 16, 2020. *We will mail more lessons if additional days are added to the closure.</p>	<p>High School Parents: Please review your child’s daily agenda as well as the work he/she completes.</p>

HCSD Digital Online Support / Provision	Parent Support
<p>All Students:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Students will receive daily messages from each of their teachers separately on the Remind system. 2.) Students will receive daily subject content messages and examples in their Google Classrooms for each of their classes. 	<p>All Parents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Check your phones and/or emails for messages and share them with your children. 2.) Look at your child’s Google Classroom content messages and discuss them with your children.
<p>Kindergarten Students: Log onto Waterford Monday – Friday and complete 25 minutes of work on your Reading path and 25 minutes of work on your Math path each day.</p>	<p>Kindergarten Parents: When your child logs onto Waterford, please set a timer and alert him when to stop. Provide a quiet place for your child to work. *Watch for messages from your teachers in the Remind system regarding the progress your child is making on his/her online paths.</p>
<p>1st – 8th Grade Students: Log onto i-Ready Monday – Friday and complete 30 minutes of work on your Reading path and 30 minutes of work on your Math path each day.</p>	<p>1st – 8th Grade Parents: When your child logs onto i-Ready, please set a timer and alert him when to stop. Provide a quiet place for your child to work. *Watch for messages from your teachers in the Remind system regarding the progress your child is making on his/her online paths.</p>
<p>High School Students: Teachers use different online instructional tools and will assign tasks to their students as necessary. The students are accustomed to working in the online platforms. They will log onto the programs as instructed in their <i>Study at Home Instructional Packets</i> and complete the assignments.</p>	<p>High School Parents: Please review your child’s <i>Study at Home Instructional Packet</i> and ensure that the online assignments are completed. *Watch for emails from your teacher(s) regarding any concerns with this.</p>
<p>All Students: Coming Soon – We will add a virtual classroom experience in which the teacher provides live instruction to students at assigned times of the day. This will begin on April 6, 2020.</p>	<p>All Parents: Watch for messages regarding this virtual teaching.</p>

Thank you for your cooperation as we work together for the safety of our students and community.

Sincerely,



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