



Hamilton Township School District

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Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe at home. Over the past week your families have started to make the transition to homebound instruction. I am sure there have been some growing pains, as we become acclimated to on-line instruction. My thanks go out to our parents, staff and especially the kids for working to make the best out of this very difficult situation.

Starting next week, we will be expanding our technology loan program to families with limited in-home technology. [Click here](#) or visit hamiltonschools.org and click on the link for *Student Device Request Form*. We will be evaluating each request and ranking them based on the most urgent need. A technology representative will be in contact with you once you fill out the form. Please keep in mind that it may take some time to evaluate and address each individual request.

Second Trimester Report Cards and Progress Reports will be available by March 30th. Grades 2 through 8 will be available for review via Genesis through the Parent Portal ([Read for new process for Grades 2-5](#)) Pre-School, kindergarten and first grade will receive their reports via email. Special Education Progress Reports for students in grades Preschool, K and 1 will be available for review via Genesis through the Parent Portal. ([How to Access the Parent Portal for SPED Progress Reports](#)) Any parent requiring assistance with logging into your parent portal account, please email: genesishelp@hamiltonschools.org.

State Standardized Testing has been canceled for Spring 2020. *Per the NJDOE: "We acknowledge that cancelling statewide assessments will impact various aspects of education. We recognize educators, students, and families will have questions. We are working to mitigate any unintended consequences, and we will work through multiple channels to keep stakeholders fully informed of updated guidance and other changes."*

The District has created a new online resource for Mental Health at <https://httpsmentalhealthinitiative.weebly.com/>. Take a few minutes and review this valuable online tool. If you or your child would like to speak with a counselor, all counselor contact information is located on the above website under the Counselor Resource link. Included for your review are resources regarding Coronavirus, counseling, crisis situation information, internet safety, Mindfulness and general community information.

The Hamilton Township Public Schools are currently providing meal distribution for eligible students on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11am until 1pm at the Davies School. You can go online to view information about our food distribution program at hamiltonschools.org. Stay tuned for additional information as we gear up to expand our program.

If you have not, you should expect to hear from a representative from the school via phone again sometime this week. Xtel has provided an app that will identify the school on your caller id when we call. We would like to check in to see how you and your families are faring during homebound instruction, have your child hear a familiar voice from the school, and gauge student workload. Please feel free to share your family's experiences so far with homebound instruction. Let us know about the workload, time on task, etc. Our thanks to our partners at Xtel Communication who provided Accession free of charge to the Hamilton Township Public Schools.

I would encourage you to email your child's teacher with any questions or concerns you may have regarding lessons or instructions. We have shared with staff that students should not be required to print assignments as universal access to printing is not available at this time.

I would like to wish you and your families all the best as we move into our third week of Homebound Instruction. We have laid the groundwork of an innovative compulsory change to delivering instruction daily. Our goal is to evaluate and improve your child's homebound experience. We look forward to working with your families to find the balance between the expectation of academic rigor and your child's individual needs. Together we will work to find a symbiotic relationship between the two.

Be well. Be safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Vogel', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Frank Vogel