Hamilton Township School District



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Dear Parents,

As a follow up to my previous letter outlining some of the measures the District is taking in response to the evolving COVID-19 Pandemic, please note that the Hamilton Township Public Schools will be scheduling two half day sessions on Monday, March 16th and Tuesday, March 17th for staff training, articulation, and professional development related to online homebound instruction for students. These emergent half day sessions have become necessary to prepare our staff and students for the possibility of an extended school closure due to COVID-19. Although there have been no cases of the virus reported in Atlantic County to date, it is our intent to ensure the continuity of educational services to the children of Hamilton Township in the event we are compelled to close. We appreciate your understanding as we work together to find common solutions for unprecedented and uncommon circumstances. The two half day planning sessions will yield significant returns in the event of a long term school closure.

I would like to reiterate that families and staff are encouraged to monitor flu like symptoms and stay home if they are experiencing symptoms of sickness, including fever, cough, or shortness of breath. In addition, we have been working to enhance the District's preventative practices regarding COVID-19, e.g., cleaning, handwashing, etc.

The determination to close schools will be made with the advice and consultation of the Atlantic County Health Department and the NJ Department of Education. At this juncture, no determination has been made regarding any school closures. If a decision to close school is made, you will be notified via School Messenger and the District's website at <u>www.hamiltonschools.org</u>. Information regarding online homebound instruction will be made available at that time.

Student and staff safety is our number one priority in Hamilton Township. The measures outlined here are the next steps the District is undertaking to meet the challenges COVID-19 is presenting our community. If you have any questions regarding this or any other issue, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's Principal or you may call me directly at the Board Office.

Wishing you and your families all the best,

Frank Vogel Superintendent

