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Update from Dr. Derek Arrowood, Superintendent, Hamilton Heights School Corporation

In less than a week since my last update, the speed at which our “normal” has changed has been dramatic to say the least. We continue to be faced with a myriad of situations that require quick thinking and, at times, difficult decisions. We want to assure you that these decisions have and will continue to be made with the health, safety, and overall well-being of our students and staff in mind.

This week started off at a fast and furious pace as we worked through a few hurdles, obstacles, and glitches. Our frontline troops (faculty and staff) were boots on the ground ready for the types of challenges the likes of which we haven't seen in recent memory. They have thought outside the box in how they prepared, and have implemented creative programs that blend the best of today's technology with more traditional methods of learning for off-site instruction to best meet the diverse needs of their students.

I can't say enough about what has taken place behind the scenes during the past couple of weeks and how our faculty and staff have pulled together to be a unified front in terms of focus, dedication, and resilience. They truly represent the very best in public education and I know our students are in good hands inside and outside of the classroom.

In the meantime, we remain closely connected with our colleagues in surrounding schools, along with the Hamilton County Health Department and other healthcare, government, and public health officials to stay on top of new directives and recommendations as they come about.

We will continue to work together with our district families to ensure we successfully move through to the other side of this ever-evolving situation. We will also continue to provide many of the services our families need and value. Information and updates will be posted on the corporation website, Facebook, and Twitter. We encourage families to check in often. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns. This will take a collaborative effort.

We remain cautiously optimistic that students and staff can return to our regular school schedule after Spring Break on Monday, April 13. While there may be some uncertainties ahead, you can count on with absolute certainty our unwavering commitment to education excellence for your child no matter how it is packaged. Thank you for your confidence and working with us to find the sunshine even on dark days.