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

I trust this greeting finds you enjoying getting reacquainted with your families and readying for school to ramp back up next Wednesday, April 15 as spring break draws to a close.

While every day seems like a flurry of bad news, misinformation, and rumors, if we look more closely, we can find hope, gratitude, and many great things happening all around us. We've seen our teachers, students, families, and community come together while being apart in many innovative, creative, and inspiring ways. I've witnessed unbelievable kindness and compassion in this season of uncertainty.

We've asked a lot of our teachers, students, and our families and they have given back even more. We're adjusting to new challenges as they arise and are pulling through this together through a collective and conscious effort. Schools are at their best when the community works together, and together we are finding new ways to shine. You are and continue to be your child's first and most important teacher. While our faculty and staff will be leading the way with meaningful and impactful lessons in this COVID-19 era, we know you will be encouraging, supportive, and teaching your child side-by-side with us.

As a reminder, we will use student off-site learning days Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in April following spring break. Tuesdays and Thursdays will be teacher workdays to allow time for them to prepare and plan. We have been reviewing the state's specific guidance regarding seniors, graduation, and the summer as we evaluate our next steps. We will provide details and additional information on the school schedule for our continuous learning plan for the remainder of the year in the days and weeks ahead.

This is National Public Health Week. I encourage you to take this moment to recognize and thank all those public health professionals for their efforts in protecting our community and keeping us up to date with the COVID-19 facts.

I have said it many times but it never gets old. I am so proud to be the Superintendent of Hamilton Heights School Corporation and call Northern Hamilton County home. Thank you for working with us to make the best of this "new normal." We couldn't do it without you.