

April 15, 2020

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

Welcome back! I trust this first virtual day back from break was a good one. We hope you are geared up and ready to finish this most unusual school year strong. While we share your disappointment about not finishing the year as planned and as we have in years past, the life lessons of this shared global experience will not be lost on anyone.

Meanwhile, our team has been diligently working behind the scenes creating viable continuous learning plans to ensure we have instruction and learning for remainder of the year that is the best possible under current mandates and directives. Student off-site learning days will continue to be Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays with Tuesdays and Thursdays as teacher workdays through **Friday, May 15**, our last student instructional day for the 2019-2020 school year. This allows us to successfully complete the school year within state mandates while supporting the needs of our educators and families. (Updated calendar attached.)

In terms of activities after May 15, we'll have more to report on what may or may not be resuming – much of it will be dictated at the state level based on current health risks and in the best interests of our community. With high hopes, we have set the official date for Hamilton Heights High School Class of 2020 commencement for **6 p.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2020 at the Hamilton Heights Middle School**. More information will follow in the weeks ahead.

Despite the challenges off-site learning has presented, I continue to be grateful for our educators, families, and district who have searched out creative solutions to make distance learning work. Your notes, texts, and calls are welcome reinforcement that we are on the right track! We all get that off-site learning is not designed to be used for extended periods of time. However, it's the best we have in an unprecedented time and we are making it work well.

Our building administrators will continue to keep a steady stream of communications as they work to coordinate a variety of housekeeping items related to the end of the year. We appreciate your flexibility, patience and cooperation as we work to bring this year to a close in a well-coordinated and socially distanced-inspired manner.

On top of learning to maneuver this new virtual world of education, none of us is untouched by some level of additional stress whether it be social, emotional, physical, and/or economic. Every Husky matters and every Husky counts. No Husky should go hungry. We will continue to provide food resources through May 26 to those in need. Information has been emailed and is also available online at www.hschuskies.org.

As we forge ahead, let's continue to support each other in every way possible and be good neighbors by practicing good hygiene and social distancing. #WeAreHuskies

HAMILTON HEIGHTS SCHOOL CORPORATION
COVID-19 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Monday-April 13	Tuesday-April 14	Wednesday-April 15	Thursday-April 16	Friday-April 17
<i>Teacher Work Day</i>	<i>Teacher Work Day</i>	Student Off-Site Learning Day	<i>Teacher Work Day</i>	Student Off-Site Learning Day
Monday-April 20	Tuesday-April 21	Wednesday-April 22	Thursday-April 23	Friday-April 24
Student Off-Site Learning Day	<i>Teacher Work Day</i>	Student Off-Site Learning Day	<i>Teacher Work Day</i>	Student Off-Site Learning Day
Monday-April 27	Tuesday-April 28	Wednesday-April 29	Thursday-April 30	Friday-May 1
Flex Day #3 No School	<i>Teacher Work Day</i>	Student Off-Site Learning Day	<i>Teacher Work Day</i>	Student Off-Site Learning Day ⁽¹⁵⁴⁾
Monday-May 4	Tuesday-May 5	Wednesday-May 6	Thursday-May 7	Friday-May 8
Student Off-Site Learning Day	<i>Teacher Work Day</i>	Student Off-Site Learning Day	<i>Teacher Work Day</i>	Student Off-Site Learning Day
Monday-May 11	Tuesday-May 12	Wednesday-May 13	Thursday-May 14	Friday-May 15
Student Off-Site Learning Day	<i>Teacher Work Day</i>	Student Off-Site Learning Day	<i>Teacher Work Day</i>	Student Off-Site Learning Day
Monday-May 18	Tuesday-May 19	Wednesday-May 20	Thursday-May 21	Friday-May 22
<i>Teacher Work Day</i>	<i>Teacher Work Day</i>	<i>Teacher Work Day</i>	<i>Teacher Work Day</i>	<i>Teacher Work Day</i>
Monday-May 25	Tuesday-May 26	Wednesday-May 27	Thursday-May 28	Friday-May 29
Memorial Day No School	<i>Teacher Work Day</i>	<i>Teacher Work Day</i>	<i>Teacher Work Day</i>	<i>Teacher Work Day (teacher end)</i>