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

Governor Holcomb announced today that Indiana schools will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. I know this news is not a surprise given the gravity of the current situation. There is strong evidence to support the effectiveness of school closures as a means to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and the reality is that these closures may be longer than expected, or imagined.

We know this is a difficult and extraordinary time which requires difficult and extraordinary measures. The impact of these measures are felt throughout the corporation and will be especially difficult for the Class of 2020. We know our teachers greatly miss their students and students miss their teachers.

This news does not change the plans for the April calendar, or our ability to provide meaningful lessons and an impactful educational experience for our students. We had already considered the possibility that in-school instruction could be cancelled through the end of the school year. Discussions on our options are underway on how we can meet the 160-day instructional requirements. We will share that information as soon as we have the plan finalized. Stay tuned!

We will continue to follow the best recommendations from experts and rise accordingly to any challenges presented as we do our part to keep our staff, students, families, and community safe. We're in this together for as long as it takes!

