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March 13, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Hackettstown and Great Meadows Regional School Districts have been actively engaged for final preparation for our Districts closure. Therefore, in an abundance of caution and to take further preemptive measures for possible exposure to COVID-19, **the District(s) will be closed effective immediately until Sunday, March 29, 2020. As of today, the anticipated return of students and staff to campus is Monday, March 30, 2020.**

In addition, our inter-district administrative cabinet has remained collaborative in our joint efforts in staying abreast of new COVID-19 information, scheduling and instructional strategies and pedagogical thought as to how the virtual learning experience best meets the needs our students. Our District websites have all pertinent information posted for public review. We will continue to alert parents, staff and community members by way of instant alerts, emails and phone conferences. Going forward, my office is committed to the greater cause of keeping our students and staff healthy and safe. To that end, I ask that while this is a major hurdle for our communities, and new ground to traverse, that we work together on this so very important cause.

All district approved field trips, co-curricular activities, and extracurricular activities are cancelled until further notice. Please be advised that this might impact future planned and prepaid trips throughout the rest of the year.

Below, you will find the next steps of our Districts process and procedures. This includes all of the major elements and timelines for on-line instruction and availability. If your child receives services from the Department of Special Services or Guidance Department, please see those Department plans posted onto the school website or contact Mr. O'Leary or Mr. Jorstad directly, by way of email or phone.

Important Information:

1. Staff are required to be actively engaged with their remote instruction on a half day schedule, hours can be found on the district website

2. School and District Offices will remain open throughout the closure unless directed by the Warren County Health Department to close. Building administration will be available to address all questions or concerns.
3. Athletics, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities are cancelled until further notice. This will be reevaluated as the circumstances surrounding the Corona Virus evolves.
4. Both districts have Board of Education Meetings scheduled on March 17th (Great Meadows) and March 18th (Hackettstown) that will be held as the Board of Educations must approve motions necessary to conduct district business. Previously scheduled presentations may not occur.
5. If you completed the Technology Survey and indicated that you are in need of a loaner Chromebook or laptop, you will be able to pick up the device today or Monday during the school day. If you have not completed the survey, and are in need of a device, please contact your building principal
6. Students receiving free or reduced lunch will be able to pick up a bagged lunch each day at each respective Middle Schools between the hours of **11:00 am- 12:00 pm**. **If this crisis impacts your family's financial position and you feel your eligibility for free and reduced meals has changed, please contact the Business Office at 908-852-2800 (Hackettstown) and 908-637-8674 (Great Meadows).**
7. Please contact the Warren County Health Department at 908-475-7960 and your child's school nurse if you or your child has been in contact with a person suspected of having COVID -19.

In closing, the gravity surrounding the circumstances of this crisis will change and call for flexibility. Each of us has children, family and friends that could potentially be impacted which is why I ask that we use patience and proper judgment on all decisions for the greater good of our communities. My office will continue to partner with Superintendents in both Warren County and throughout the state, as well as, the Warren County Health Department and Department of Education. As this situation continues to evolve, our Mayor's, Council and Law Enforcement officials will be kept abreast of the situation and concerns expressed.

Wishing you all good health and wellbeing throughout this time.

Best regards,



David C. Mango
Superintendent of Schools
Hackettstown and Great Meadows Regional School Districts

