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Opening:

Good evening!

Thank you for joining Haywood County Schools for our first Virtual Townhall meeting. Chris Davis, Executive Director, Special Services, and Latonya Jackson, Principal, Haywood High School, have joined me this evening to answer questions for our community, families, staff, and students. We have received a number of questions to answer, and we have also prepared answers to several frequently asked questions.

Before we jump into the question and answer portion of our Virtual townhall, I would first like to say that lots of things have changed in relation to our daily lives since the week before spring break in Haywood County, our state, our country, and our world. The COVID-19 pandemic put a quick stop to the daily operations of Haywood County Schools as we have traditionally known it.

However, we have not stopped working to serve our students and their families in Haywood County Schools. Initially, our focus has been around the safety and wellbeing of children. More than anything, we all want to make sure that children get fed and they are safe and taken care of. The second need is really around academics and instructional support.

The week of March 23, Haywood County Schools started meal service for Haywood County, and it continues this week and until April 24. Our meal service schedule now includes the following sites, and the following guidelines are aligned to meal service.



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HAYWOOD COUNTY SCHOOLS GRAB 'N GO STUDENT MEALS

FREE breakfast and lunch will be provided for ALL children (ages 18 & under) will continue through April 24, 2020. See schedule below!

Tuesday & Friday Pick-Up Only

- Haywood High School - bus loading area 11 AM – 1 PM
- Haywood Middle School - bus loading area 11 AM – 1 PM
- Cooper & Hatcher (at basketball court) 11 AM – 1 PM
- Lakeview Subdivision (parking lot) 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM
- Prairie Creek Estates (parking lot) 12:15 PM – 12:45 PM
- Eureka & Hillville (former BB's Café parking lot) 11:00 AM – 11:45 AM
- Douglass Community Center (parking lot) 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM
- Stanton Village Apartments (parking lot) 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM
- Stanton Town Hall 11:45 AM – 12:15 PM
- Pecan Street Apartments (parking lot) 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM
- Scott Street Center 11 AM – 1:00 PM
- Marketplace (Thomas & McLemore) (parking lot) 11:15 AM – 12:45 PM
- Kirby Place (parking lot entry) 11:00 – 11:40
- Brentwood Apartments (parking lot entry) 11:50 – 12:05
- Jefferson Estate Apartments (parking lot entry) 12:10 – 12:25
- Peaceful Chapel (parking lot) 12:30 – 1:00

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Meals will be bagged and each child will receive 3-4 breakfasts and lunches depending on the pickup day.

Pick-Up Guidance

- Vehicle: please remain in your vehicle
- Walkers: please follow all directions when you arrive at the pick-up site



Important Information: Meals **may not** be consumed on site; please drive up, receive meals, and exit immediately. Items not consumed need to be refrigerated. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Over the past two weeks, Haywood County Schools have served 17, 196 individual breakfasts and lunches. I would like to thank members of the school nutrition team, school transportation team, and district and school leaders for their service during the past two weeks.

If you do not have transportation to meal pick up, please let your child's teacher know or contact the district office at 731-772-9613 on Tuesday and/or Friday from 9:30a.m. – 2:30p.m. We will work to get meals to you.

Beginning this week, Haywood County Schools have available on our website instructional support plans for download for students at each school, PK – 12th grade. You can visit www.haywoodschoools.com to view and download the packets. Additionally, hard copies of the instructional support plans can be picked up at your child's respective school on Wednesday, April from 9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m. and 5:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.



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As we roll out our instructional support plan, we are guided by the following aspirations:

- Students have regular, personal touchpoints with teachers and/or other school staff to check-in on their basic needs, social-emotional well-being, and any academic needs.
- Students have (if possible) regular touchpoints with their classmates to continue to build community.
- Students engage in learning experiences that are holistic and are guided by both grade-level expectations and student interests.



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Family Instructional Support Plan
April 2020

HCS students and families will receive learning support materials beginning April 8, 2020. In addition to receiving support materials, HCS teachers will check-in with students a minimum of twice per week. This check-in may occur on a phone call, a video call (ZOOM/SKYPE, etc.), email, or a messaging app (REMIND, DOJO, etc.). Students in grades PK – 12 will be provided learning support opportunities in ELA and math; middle schoolers will also receive science and social studies supports. Student learning supports will be based on content that was taught throughout the school; participation is voluntary and activities will not impact a student's grade.

Locations of Learning Supports for HCS Students



Pick-Up 'N Go Material: Families may pick-up learning support material on each campus. School teams will be set up on each campus; families may drive through or walk through and materials will be given.

Wednesday, April 8, 2020:
AECC, HES, ESI, HMS, HHS, SHILC
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM



Online access to our Pick-Up 'N Go Material will also be available on our webpages:

- Haywood County Schools – www.haywoodschoools.com
- Anderson Early Childhood Center – <https://haywoodschoools.com/anderson-early-childhood-center/>
- Haywood Elementary School - <https://haywoodschoools.com/haywood-elementary/>
- East Side Intermediate School - <https://haywoodschoools.com/east-side-intermediate-school-2/>
- Haywood Middle School - <https://haywoodschoools.com/haywood-middle-school/>
- Haywood High School - <https://haywoodschoools.com/haywood-high-school/>
- Sunny Hill Innovative Learning Center - <https://haywoodschoools.com/sunny-hill-learning-center/>



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During this time of distance learning, we want ALL students to feel cared for, to be connected to their school community, and to engage in holistic learning experiences that interest them and build their knowledge of a variety of subjects and topics.

If your contact information has changed or if you have not heard from your child's teacher or support personnel, please call the district office at 731-772-9613 on Tuesday and Friday from 9:30a.m. – 2:30p.m. to share your information. We will get the contact information to your child's school and teachers so they can begin contact.

Now, let's transition to a time of question and answers with Mr. Davis, Mrs. Jackson, and myself...we will be joined by Yvette Blue, Executive Director of Accountability, Assessment, Curriculum, and Professional Learning, who will facilitate the questions that we have received. Ms. Blue...

Frequently Asked Questions

End of School Year Related Questions

- Will students be promoted to the next grade level at year's end?
 - Generally, the answer to that question is yes.

- Are we having graduation?
 - It is too early to make that decision. However, we will look for alternate ideas and be planning ahead in the event graduation cannot occur as scheduled. The school district will ask seniors for feedback before any decisions are made. Ms. Jackson, the HHS admin team, Ms. Avent, and Mr. Hassell are completing virtual check-ins on each Friday with the 2020 Class Officers.

- Will students have to make up school in the summer time?
 - At this point, there is no indication that students will have to attend school through June and July. HCS will continue to monitor and share the very best information available.

- What about senior transcripts and preparing for college?



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- There is a statewide conversation about finalizing transcripts in the event schools do not reopen this term. Once the State Board of Education and the TN Higher Ed. Commission make a ruling, we will share this with all students and their parents.
- What about college scholarships?
 - Ms. Vicki Deberry has begun posting and sharing application information as they become available. Most applications and submission for scholarships are done online. More information will be shared via email and social media over the coming weeks. Pay attention to Ms. Deberry's text alerts.
- When will Pre-K & Kindergarten registration will be held?
 - These events will be postponed until further notice.

Extracurricular Activities & Events

- Are all Spring sports canceled?
 - On March 17, TSSAA met to discuss the fate of the Spring sports season. At this point, no ruling has been made and they are looking at the possibility of keeping tournaments in place, in the event the season can resume at a later date. TSSAA did note that the Governor's recommendation is for "no activity", including practices, workouts, etc. until April 24. Schools will await further guidance from the State of TN and TSSAA. At this point, the seasons are not canceled, but postponed until further notice.
- Will all extracurricular activities be canceled?
 - Under current guidance from the Governor's office and the federal government, the answer is yes. This will not change without further guidance from the proper authorities.
- Has prom been canceled?
 - Prom has been postponed until further notice. Options for a later prom date will be considered, but there is simply no way for a decision to be made until schools and the general public are allowed to resume normal activities. Of course, this could be several weeks or months from now.



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High School Information:

- Will students still need to take end-of-course (EOC) exams or finals if we return to school?
 - Tennessee lawmakers voted on March 19 to remove the burden of testing and other government mandates on schools this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. HCS will NOT participate in any state testing. This will not negatively impact your grades.
- Students who chose to take state dual credit (SDC) courses to earn college credits needed to take and pass the challenge exam? Will that exam still be available to take?
 - Spring 2020 testing for all SDC courses has been cancelled. Students who desire to earn post-secondary credits will have the opportunity to do so by taking the challenge exam in the Fall (September 2020). The state DOE will work with the SDC coordinator (Grace Fergie) to identify the students who wish to take the SDC test. More details will be coming in the next several weeks regarding the logistics of testing in September. You will be notified as we receive updated information. Also, please continue to view our social media pages for the latest updates.
 - We have been told that students in AP courses must still take an exam. If this is true, when and where will we take it and what will we need to study? AP exams will be given from May 11-22. Make-Up test dates will be available for each subject from June 1-5. Students may take the exams at home or at school if we reopen. Each subject's exam will take place the same day at the same time worldwide. Students may take the exam on any device: pad, smartphone computer. For most subjects, the exams will be 45 minutes long, plus an additional 5 minutes to upload answers. AP Computer Science will use portfolio submissions and will not have a separate online exam. College Board has free live AP review courses delivered by AP teachers from across the country. On-demand lessons have also been added. We have posted on social media the link to College Board so you can find all the information you need. You may also reach out to your AP teachers through their email accounts.
 - What will happen if a student chooses not to take the exam? The testing organization said students who don't want to take the test can cancel at no charge. Refund policies are determined by schools and test centers, the College Board said. The typical individual fee for a test is \$94.
- I am in SAILS class. How can students finish their modules if we cannot take test at home?



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- The SAILS course has been modified to allow students to work in their online accounts without normal teacher intervention. Students may work on quizzes and review assignments with unlimited attempts. The assignments must be completed in order. You may skip the integrity quiz and module test. Module test will have to be completed at a later date. They can not be taken from home. Test MUST be completed when they can be proctored by the teacher or the SAIL field coordinator. Completing this course, permits the students to take a college level math course instead of a remedial math course in which the student does not earn. The course will be extended through the summer to allow students time to complete in person the proctored tests prior to starting college in the fall.
- How will seniors be able to graduate without gaining all the required credits needed for graduation such as Government, Personal Finance, Economics?
 - We will receive guidance later this week from the state board regarding grades, credits, and expectations. We will work with seniors to ensure each of them have the credits needed to graduate on time. The general assembly has already stated that high school seniors who are on track will graduate on time despite class cancellations. We have a plan in place, and we have identified individual students who are not on track and may need support; however, we are waiting until after hearing from the state board to put those plans in action.
- Will HHS have summer school or opportunities for credit recovery during summer months?
 - We are uncertain at this time if we will be able to have credit recovery during the summer. However, we will continue to follow the guidance of our national, state, and local government officials and health experts to make decisions on how and when we will be able to gather again.
- Will Juniors still take the ACT this semester? Can a senior retake ACT to improve score before going to college?
 - At this time, the administration of the ACT has been cancelled for Spring 2020. The state department is working on alternate options as to when the Juniors will be able to have that opportunity in the fall. The option could look like providing a date in addition to the October test date for a second free opportunity to test. There are vouchers available for those who would like to take the test on a national test date. The next national test date is June 13, 2020. You may request a voucher to Mrs. Deberry.



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- I need a transcript sent, will anyone be working at the school to send it to my post-secondary institution?
 - Yes, if you would please submit a request to send your transcript to Ms. Vicki Deberry or Mr. Art Garrett's email (you can find both their emails on the HCS webpage), they will send the transcript or any other information requested to your post-secondary institution. They will reply to you that it has been sent as requested.
- When will students register for fall classes? C
 - Counselors and administration team have met to discuss registration if we return to school in May or if we are cancelled for the remainder of the school year. We have already registered our rising freshmen and met with approximately 3/4 of our rising seniors before we were out for spring break. As we know more information about when we can gather again, we will share the registration plan. I can assure you that each student will play a role in their own registration with course selections.
- How can I still obtain my community service hours for TN Promise or Distinguished Scholars?
 - Submit your 8 hours of Community Service hours required for TN Promise to the tnachievers.org website. You can watch 8 webinars on the site about careers.
 - The 80 hours required for distinguished scholars should be submitted to Ms. Vicki Deberry. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, we will waive 20 of those hours of community service that would have been required the senior year.
- Will Seniors have a graduation or prom?
 - As I stated at the beginning of this pandemic, it is our hope to work with the senior class to ensure the milestones that you have worked hard and waited 13 years to participate in, can still be a reality for you. Unfortunately, we know at this time we will have to postpone the May 1, 2020 prom date from the guidance of health experts working with the COVID 19 pandemic. Keep in mind that we are NOT cancelling the prom at this time. We are waiting on additional guidance to know when we could have it at a later date. I am meeting with your class officers each Friday during school closure to provide updates and to get input from your class regarding these end of year events. We will be making decisions soon so that you and your families can adequately prepare.



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Special Services:

- How can families provide academic support for SWDs during this time?
 - Provide students with access to materials being provided and engage students in that material. So, start by getting the printed resources that the district is providing.
 - Also, SPED staff are reviewing printed resources to make notes/accommodations/modifications for students with learning disabilities according to the students IEP.
 - SPED staff is also reaching out weekly to all families of students with disabilities to check in as well as provide support as needed.
 - So, SWD will get a weekly check in from Gen. Ed. Teachers and SPED staff for additional support.

- Are IEP meetings going to occur during this time?
 - Annual IEP meetings that are scheduled during our time out of school will be held through zoom video conferences and phone conferences.
 - SPED staff and administrators are working to schedule meetings with families & students.
 - Most meetings have been scheduled and multiple meetings have already taken place.
 - Reevaluations will not be held during this time unless the process was completed before school closure. This is very few meetings and they have been scheduled.
 - Any other re-evaluation will be completed as soon as possible once we return to school. (We have extensions through the state department on these meetings and need students in school in order to test/evaluate.)
 - We do have a few initial IEP meetings that will take place because the evaluation process was completed before school closure.
 - Other Initial IEP meetings will be completed as soon as possible once we return to school.
 - All safe guard procedures are being followed in this process as well (10-day notice, 48-hour draft, all required participants, prior written notice, etc.).

- How can families provide support to SWDs that receive related services (Speech, OT, & PT services) during this time?



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- The district is providing resources that can be used by families at home to help students that receive speech, OT, and PT services.
- These resources have been uploaded to the HCS website and can be printed for families that request printed materials.
- Our SPED and Speech staff will check in with families/students that receive speech, OT, & PT services to provide support and activities for students. The activities provided will align with the student's IEP goals in reference to any related services received. These check-ins will be weekly.
- I would encourage families to engage students with the resources/activities that the district is providing to help support students that receive related services.

- How can families provide support to ESL students during this time?
 - Provide students with access to materials being provided and engage students in that material. So, start by getting the printed resources that the district is providing.
 - The district ESL team has created resources and activities for families to use to engage ESL students.
 - These resources and activities have been uploaded to the HCS website for families to use.
 - We are also printing these resources and activities for families/students that need printed copies.
 - The ESL staff will also be checking in with families/students on a weekly basis in order to provide guidance/assistance.
 - I would encourage families to engage students with the resources/activities that the district is providing to support students.

- How should families support students that were receiving Homebound services during this time?
 - All options that are available to all of our students are available for students that were receiving Homebound services.
 - So, families can start by accessing all materials and resources being offered by the district.
 - This would include academic materials as well as the resources and activities that have been created and uploaded by our SPED, Speech, and ESL teams.
 - If the student receives any special education or ESL services, our staff will be reaching out weekly just like we are for other students.



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Closing

I would first like to share that Haywood County Schools have been and will continue to be focused on continuous improvement. This is a time of reimagining the school district's support of our students through meal distribution and today's release of an instructional plan of activities. We are here to support; however, please recognize that this is new territory for us as well. We will continue to explore ways to communicate and improve on delivery of meal service and instructional support.

In closing, I would like to say that we all have a responsibility to flatten the curve and slow the spread of COVID-19 in Haywood County. Per Governor Lee's executive order, please stay safer at home and only go out for essential services which include school meal pick-up and instructional materials pick up.

Otherwise, let's treat COVID-19 like a Haywood Tomcats' athletic opponent. Let's do our part to stay apart by social distancing while tending to essential services or staying at home, and let's break the viruses back. It is imperative that each of us do our part to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our community.

Stay safe, be smart, and take care! We miss you Haywood Tomcats but we plan to see you sooner than later.

Good night!