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Dear Parents / Guardians / Caregivers,

As anticipated, Governor Walz announced that Minnesota schools will remain closed until at least May 4 (We believe this will be extended until the end of the year). All staff of HSATC have worked very hard during the last two weeks to prepare exciting distance learning experiences for your students.

Here are the essential points you need to remember:

- **Week 1 (Mar 30 – Apr 3):** From Monday, March 30, to Friday, April 3, students will be provided with week-long assignments, similar to assignments given during any breaks.
- **Distance Learning (Apr 6 – May 4):** Starting Monday, April 6, we will transition to Distance Learning, which offers more robust lessons and daily teacher interaction. Student attendance will be taken during these days.
- **Daily Schedule:** As a district, we expect our students to stay connected between 10 am to 3 pm with a lunch break during mid-day. Teachers will provide students with their individual schedules. Teachers will be available from 9 am to 3 pm every day.
- **Communication:** During this time, communication is very essential. If you are not receiving our Robocalls or Bloomz messages, please reach out to any staff member and we will add you. You can either e-mail them or call our school office to assist you in any matter related to distance learning or meals.
 - Android users please click [here](#)
 - Iphone/Ipad users please click [here](#)

Once you have downloaded, you can send instant message to our staff by adding their e-mail addresses.

Furthermore, we have assigned **Family Representatives** who have started reaching out to all our families. Your representative will be your instant point of contact and will help with any questions or concerns. These family representatives will be able to communicate in your home languages.

Internet Connection: We understand that some of you are still working to get your internet connection. If you need any help, please reach out to Ms. Abdinoor at (651) 246-0845 ext: 115.

- **Problems with School-Provided Devices:** If you experience any problems with your students' devices, please reach out to your child's teacher or call school office to notify. We will communicate with our IT company to assist you. The devices can be remotely controlled as long as they are connected to internet but there might be instances that they need the device physically. We will communicate with you as needed.
- **State tests (MCA):** MCAs for the 2019-2020 school year are canceled.
- **Student meals:** The Stay at Home order requires us all to stay at home except for essential services, such as buying groceries, picking up medications, or going to work at businesses providing essential services like childcare, homeless shelters, and healthcare. The executive order has become effective starting Friday, March 27, at 11:59 PM and ending Friday, April 10, at 5:00 PM. Nonetheless, the order allows us to continue providing meals for our students. Pick-up time is between 9 am and 11 am on Mondays (entire week supplies). Based on earlier requests, we will continue to order the number of packs every week. Please call the front office to order if you haven't done so already.
- **Parent support:** We are aware that the announcement of extended closures is especially hard on our students and you, the parents. We will be here to support you in every way we can. Our staff has been clearly informed that PARENT SUPPORT is highly critical in their newly defined roles. Next week, we will share with you a discipline intervention plan that will allow you to refer students to the behavior specialists if students refuse to follow their schedules or your instructions about their learning activities. We will be innovative in our ways to remotely support your efforts and hold students accountable.

There are so many other issues that we will discover along this journey. Your feedback will be extremely important to us to offer the best services. Hence, we will send weekly surveys to you to collect your opinions and act on them quickly.

In the meantime, please stay safe, healthy and continue to practice gratitude. HSATC will always be there for you.

Best regards,

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Principal