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Dear Harpurville Families:

As I write this letter, your child's teachers and support staff members are working hard to put together educational materials designed to help your child during the period of school closure due to coronavirus (COVID-19). Maintaining a regular schedule and having some school-based activities to focus on will be helpful for students. We also know that there might be some items at the school that your child needs for the next month. With these things in mind, here is some important information for you to know as we get prepared for the period of school closure:

How will my student get the educational materials they need to work on during the period of closure?

*A set of educational materials is being put together for every student by the student's teachers. **This bag of materials and supplies will be available for pick-up at the school on Tuesday from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., during the same time as the pick-up for meals. Any materials that are not picked up on Tuesday will be delivered by the district to each student's residence on Wednesday morning, beginning at 9 a.m.** We will be following the bus runs to make the drop-offs. It will really help the process if someone is available and looking for the bus as we make the deliveries. Items will be left at the front door of any residence where no one is present to receive the items.*

Will my student be able to communicate with their teachers and other school staff that they learn from during the school closure?

Yes, in fact, the teachers and staff are really concerned about their students and want to stay connected. Every student should expect to connect with their teachers at least once every week and through a variety of means. Your child's teachers will provide that information to you. Normal means of communication like phone calls, email, apps, Schoology, Google hangouts, and other similar means that allow teachers and students to connect remotely will be used.

My student needs to get some things out of their locker or from their classroom cubby that will be needed over the next month. What do we do?

We know that students may have some items in their classroom or locker that they need during the period of closure. The school will be open for students to quickly come into the school to get their items. Both schools will be open on Tuesday, 3/17/2020, and Wednesday, 3/18/2020, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. for this purpose. You will need to use the main entrance. This should be a very quick stop into the school; large groups of people will not be allowed into the school at the same time. After Wednesday, an appointment will need to be made in order to access the school.

My student attends an educational program that is not at the Harpursville campus. What should we expect for their instructional materials?

If your child attends an educational program in another location, you should expect a contact and information from your child's teachers at the school/program they attend. Please contact Mr. Quick in our Special Education Office if this is not happening.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the building principal. We are here to help during this challenging time.

Please continue to check the district's website (<https://www.hcs.stier.org>) and the webpage dedicated to information related to the district's response to the coronavirus (<https://www.hcs.stier.org/coronavirusinformation.aspx>) on a regular basis for updates and information. This is the only place where you can access first-hand, official statements from the district.

I wish you all the best for good health and safety!

Yours in education,



Michael J. Rullo
Superintendent of Schools

