



HENRY HUDSON TRI-DISTRICT

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Dear Parents, Guardians and School Community:

As part of our ongoing health and wellness efforts, I would like to take this opportunity to update you regarding the COVID-19 Virus and its potential impact on school and district operations. Please be assured that at this time, there have been no changes regarding the status of the virus in our schools. Together with our boards of education, the administration will continue to closely monitor the situation and ensure the safety of our students and staff. I participated yesterday in a teleconference with multiple Monmouth and Ocean County administrators and we are in continuous contact with multiple agencies, colleagues in local districts and with the New Jersey Department of Education.

You may be aware of the current situation at some of our local Monmouth County schools, wherein the working assumption is that a person contracted the COVID-19 Virus while attending an out-of-state conference. As a result, Red Bank Regional School and Little Silver School District closed today as a precautionary measure and to provide time for additional deep cleaning of buildings.

We are working collaboratively on a Tri-District Preparedness Plan, which we will submit to our Monmouth County Superintendent. I ask that you please fill out the technology surveys that have been sent out to you by the building principals in each district. This information will help us plan the logistics of providing continued instruction in the event of a potential closure. Our instructional approach will include both paper/pencil and blended/online learning opportunities, depending on grade level and access to technology.

This coming Friday, March 13, 2020, we will be providing an early-dismissal day for all students of Henry Hudson Regional, Atlantic Highlands, and Highlands schools. This will provide time for all staff members to engage in collaborative planning and preparation for instruction, in alignment with our Tri-District Preparedness Plan. We will continue to follow guidance from the Governor's Office, the Monmouth County and New Jersey Departments of Health and Human Services, the New Jersey Department of Education, and our Monmouth County Superintendent.

The Department of Health strongly recommends that symptomatic individuals should immediately contact their primary health care physician regarding testing measures. Please visit the [CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov) to obtain up-to-date information, and I will continue to update our school websites with more information as the situation develops. Thank you, as always, for your support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Susan Compton, Superintendent of Schools