

**Date: 3/17/2020**

**To: All South Hamilton Stakeholders**

**From: Dr. Ken Howard**

**Re: Update pertaining to the South Hamilton Schools' COVID-19 Plans**

We recognize there are many questions and concerns as it relates to COVID-19 and how our school district will navigate this health crisis. This active situation has offered plenty of challenges to be accurate and timely with new developments. Throughout the last 24 to 48 hours the district continues to receive new guidance from a variety of local, state and federal agencies.

**Current realities:**

- *The South Hamilton Community School District's facilities will be closed until April 13, 2020, to all stakeholders except essential personnel.*
- Each building is receiving a "deep cleaning" to ensure the building is sanitized and disinfected, thus, please do not attempt to enter the facilities.
- State legislators and the Governor have approved legislation that will forgive the "student hours" missed during the closure.
- **The South Hamilton staff proactively prepared for an extended closure.** The district created a plan that includes South Hamilton teachers providing educational materials and lessons through a variety of platforms. Information specific to the manner of notification, delivery methods, and more will be forthcoming.

The state of affairs pertaining to COVID-19 have been ever-changing; thus, the district suggests all stakeholders monitor the situation closely. Please do not call the schools, we ask that individuals check the district's website, numerous means of social media delivery, communication systems, and media outlets for further information and/or changes per district plans.

We recognize the flow of information is slower than desired by our stakeholders. Our commitment is to ensure we provide accurate information as timely as possible. This situation seems to change by the hour, and we need to be careful we provide you the most up-to-date and accurate information.

Regards,

Dr. Ken Howard-