

DEAR SOUTH HAMILTON STAFF, PARENTS AND STUDENTS

The Governor of Iowa held a press conference yesterday afternoon and ordered schools to remain closed through April 30, 2020. If you are like me, this announcement created some uncertainty about what is to come, only with our local educational delivery, but with our daily lives. We want to assure the SH school community that our commitment to you is resolute during this extraordinary time. We are in this together and I am confident we will overcome.....

I know that the 2020 senior class is in the forefront of many of our thoughts. In the coming weeks, Mr. Dryer will be reaching out to connect with individuals to determine if the district can somehow provide some of the life-long memories that each of you have work so hard to obtain. We are truly sorry that this once-in-a-lifetime catastrophe has disrupted your final year of high school. We want our seniors to know we are committed to being creative and innovative to make sure you have as many of the special moments every high school senior deserves.

The SH staff has been working diligently during this lengthy closure to connect and be engaged with their colleagues, students and parents. We have seen tremendous evidence that this high priority goal is taking place. We continue to remind all that our processes and practices will not be perfect, but know we are striving to educate our students in a manner that has not been attempted is such a grand scale – in a very short time frame.

The district approved paying hourly employees through April 10th with the belief school would resume on April 13th. A decision per the weeks ahead, and how the process shall proceed will be made based upon state and federal guidelines, expectantly soon.

The Department of Education (DE) has requested that every school district to submit a continuous learning plan to address the local district's approach to educational delivery over the next several weeks. Throughout this coming week, the South Hamilton leadership team will be working to solidify our plan and to communicate out so we can all move forward together!

Stay home, stay connected, stay safe ... while learning in a new way ... The HAWK Way!

Dr. Howard

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