

# HARDING TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

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## **Re: School Closure and Distance Learning**

Dear Harding Township School Community,

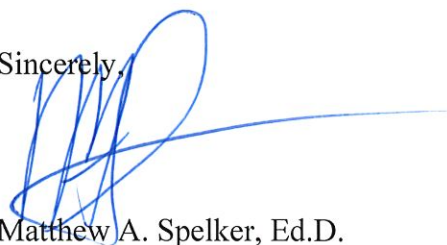
I wanted to provide some updates to the HTS community regarding our Distance Learning Initiative that launched yesterday. I am pleased to inform the school community that over the first two days of instruction we have seen school-wide attendance at nearly one hundred percent. Students have been able to access instruction in various ways across all of our grade levels. This successful launch is a result of a community-wide effort to all pitch in and do our part. Our incredible faculty and staff were able to quickly implement this learning plan and are providing our students with meaningful instruction. Faculty and staff have managed to accomplish this while simultaneously dealing with their own family's needs as well as state-wide school closings. Our parents have been flexible, understanding, and extremely supportive of our school's effort to provide instruction to their children. Many from our parent community have offered their help and expertise in providing this instruction. Our students have adapted well and I have enjoyed speaking with some of them as I have observed our teachers delivering their instruction over the past two days

While I am extremely proud of our school community and its response to this challenge, I am well aware that there will be many more challenges to come. As we move forward please know that our delivery of instruction will continue to evolve and change to meet the needs of our student population. These changes will be made in an effort to continually improve the efficiency and efficacy of our students' instruction.

Many parents have reached out asking what they can do to help. I ask that all members of our community prioritize the health and safety of yourselves and your family by following CDC guidelines for personal hygiene and social distancing. Furthermore, I ask for your continued support and understanding towards our amazing faculty and staff.

I will continue to provide updates to the school community to help provide clarity regarding your child's education. Harding is an incredible community with a wonderful school. I know that we will continue to work together to get through this difficult time. I thank you for your support of our teachers, staff, and administrative team. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me at [mspelker@hardingtwp.org](mailto:mspelker@hardingtwp.org).

Sincerely,



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