

## **HCS Opening Operational Phase for the Spring Semester, 2021.**

1. **Instruction:** All HCS schools will utilize virtual instruction beginning January 4 through January 19. We plan to return to classroom instruction on Wednesday, January 20, following the end of the Governor's Executive Order 70. Please see the classroom links posted by your child's teacher. When we return to in-class instruction, we will follow the Yellow phase plan of having students in school M-Th: 8 am to 3 pm, and virtual instruction with small group, targeted instruction on Fridays: 8 am to 11:30 am.

2. **Teachers:** Unless quarantined or otherwise prevented from doing so, all HCS teachers will report directly to their classrooms in order to provide virtual daily lessons and support.

3. **Students:** Small, targeted student group support will continue through this period. Per our operational plan, we will bring in small groups of students Monday through Friday during this time. Please see your child's teacher or your site's administrator if you are contacted to send your child to school during this time. If you are not contacted, please ensure your student is accessing all materials online during this time.

4. **Communication and Attendance:** To ensure consistent student communication, schools will establish schedules for work submission and student contact. This may include procedures for submitting work virtually, communicating directly with the teacher, and/or dropping work off at the school site if applicable. As we return to virtual instruction, please remember that attendance will be taken daily. Students without internet connectivity should work with their schools to ensure that daily instruction is ongoing.

5. **Free Student Meals:** Meals will be provided to those on campus and for pick up from 11 am to 1 pm unless otherwise notified on your school's website.

6. **Sports:** Per Governor Lee's Executive Order and new TSSAA spectator recommendations, sports will continue as long as team members and coaches are COVID-19 free. Please see the latest from TSSAA here: <https://tssaa.org/article/governor-restricts-spectators-at-sporting-events>. School sites will soon release updated spectator procedures. Please look for communication from your student's coach or school site administration.

We want to thank you for supporting our efforts to keep HCS schools open this year. Our continuing goal is to be to keep students in class if safe to do so, by monitoring and reacting to local school and system-based data.