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Connecting for Success: Every Child, Every Classroom, Every Day

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Dear HCCSD Families and Staff:

We greatly appreciate your continued support of our school district in light of the national health pandemic, novel Coronavirus/COVID-19. Please continue to take care of yourselves and your loved ones by taking the necessary precautions to keep healthy and stop the spread of the Coronavirus. In accordance with the Governor's executive order, our school district, along with school districts across Mississippi, will officially remain closed.

While this national health crisis is impacting our school district and school districts across our state and our nation, we are committed to continuing to provide our children with high-quality educational opportunities while they are at home. As a result, we will launch our virtual learning platform: **Online Virtual Learning** for all PK-12 students.

Our administrative team continues to work around the clock to ensure that our students have a robust educational alternative during this time. We are strategically leveraging technology through the use of our **Online Virtual Learning**. Together, we have created a set of guidelines to help you prepare for the successful implementation of online learning at home.

Guidelines to Support Families with the Online Virtual Learning Platform:

1. The district will issue a Chromebook computer to each family. Parents are responsible for the care and return of the Chromebook. A schedule will be released shortly with information regarding pick up times.
2. *C-Spire* Hotspots will be available, free of charge, allowing families to access the internet at home.
3. Our staff has created an instructional framework that will enable students to:
 - Practice what they have already learned using online academic software
 - Receive and submit teacher-made assignments, and
 - Complete personalized learning assignments that meet their individual needs. The completion of assignments is critical to student learning and the completion of their current grade
4. We have created a website with important dates, connection guidelines, and resources. The website is: <https://www.holmesccsd.org/>. Click on **Online Virtual Learning** for more information. There is also a help button which allows you to submit questions and access support.
5. We encourage parents to support our students with online learning in the following ways:
 - Designate a specific learning time each day to complete online assignments.
 - Monitor completion and submission of assignments.
 - Provide students with a quiet environment without television or other distractions.



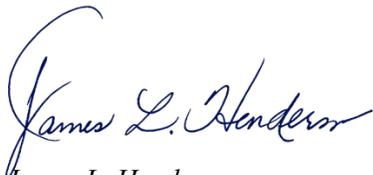
- Establish a computer use schedule for homes with multiple children.
- Encourage daily reading.
- Assist younger students with accessing information online and successfully logging in.

Our goal is to ensure that students can effectively continue learning at home on the **Online Virtual Learning** platform. However, please understand that online virtual learning is new for our district. During this time, we respectfully ask for your patience and support. We are here to serve you in any way we can, so please communicate your needs to us.

As we receive more guidance from our Governor and Department of Education, we will continue to keep you informed. We thank you again for your patience during this extremely challenging time in our world's history.

Remember to visit the webpage at <https://www.holmesccsd.org/> and click on **Online Virtual Learning** for more information.

Thank you for entrusting your child's education to us! Together we will achieve excellence.



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