

HADDON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent's Report March 19, 2020

Staffing

- Pat Nero - Administrative Assistant to Superintendent
 - Change of retirement date from August 1, 2020 to January 1, 2021
- Taylor Kobran Cruz - Replacement Elementary Teacher – revision
 - September 1, 2019 through April 19, 2020
 - Extended to April 20th through June 30th pending the return of students to the school buildings
- Mark Holtzheimer - Full-Time Custodian
 - Effective April 14, 2020 through June 30, 2020 pending completion of all required paperwork
- Permanent Substitute Teachers – effective date pending return of students to the school buildings
 - Howard Fishman
 - Fred Kimble

Remote Learning Update

On Wednesday, March 18th, we embarked on an unprecedented period of remote learning for our students and have since learned that we will be providing remote instruction indefinitely. This is a stressful time for everyone, our HT parents and guardians, staff members, administrators, and students who are being presented with many new challenges with limited time to prepare. Each of us is doing the best he/she can each day and that is how we will move forward as a district, one day at a time.

I would like to thank our administrators and staff for the countless hours of hard work in getting our remote program up and running so quickly. Our investment in the 1:1 iPad program and ongoing professional development for teachers over the past several years are paying dividends at this critical time. We are ready! A special thank you to our technology department that has ensured that 100% of district students have home access to internet service and a device for remote learning.

District Communications

All parent/guardian communications related to COVID-19 are available on the district website at www.haddontwpschools.com under the COVID-19 tab. With a continued and increasing need for social distancing in Camden County, all Haddon Township school offices and buildings will be inaccessible to students and their families until further notice except for established plans for meal pickup for eligible students. Building administration and office staff will be working remotely. If you need to communicate with teachers, staff or administrators please do so through email. Office staff will be checking voicemail remotely, but email will be the best form of communication. Follow us on Twitter [@htsd](https://twitter.com/htsd) to see all of the creative ways our staff and students are enhancing remote learning in Haddon Township!

Calendar Changes for COVID-19

Friday, March 13th was the last day for students to attend school in our district buildings prior to our transition to remote learning. Monday, March 16th and Tuesday, March 17th were utilized to provide professional development and preparation time for staff. Our first remote learning day for students was Wednesday, March 18th. We originally had a professional day for staff scheduled for Friday, March 20th. This day will now become a remote learning day for students. These calendar changes are highlighted on the revision that will be on the agenda for approval this evening.

Negotiations Update

The Negotiations Committees of the Haddon Township Board of Education and the Haddon Township Education Association met for their first organizational meeting on January 27th. An additional meeting has been tentatively scheduled for March 31st.

Superintendent Search

The Board of Education continues to be actively engaged in the process of selecting and securing the best new district leader for Haddon

Township. Online surveys were used to solicit feedback from parents, staff, and community stakeholders to inform the search process.

Donations

The HT Education Foundation has funded \$10,774.33 in educator grants as part of their spring 2020 grant cycle. These funds will be used to enhance instruction across the district in a variety of content areas and grade levels. We thank the HTEF for their continued support of our teachers and students. HTEF has also offered to assist the district if needed to ensure that each student has home access to internet service and a device to support remote learning.

The HTHS Softball Booster Club has donated a softball outfield fence valued at \$2,290. Thanks for this contribution that will positively impact our softball program.