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Parents and Students,

It is hard to believe that it has now been one month since we began the transition to Remote Learning and Remote Operations as a school community. What we once thought to be a few brief weeks out of the ordinary has certainly grown to be far more extensive. My personal thoughts are with you, your health, and your family as we navigate this historical time as a community and nation. What is undeniable and remarkable is what you have accomplished during this one-month span. Whether you are an employee of the system, a student keeping up with your studies, or a family navigating the nuances of running a home school, you are doing an exceptional job.

As we return from spring break and look ahead to the next month, this is a time for us to finish strong together. While our buildings are closed, the learning experiences of school remains open and in session! Henry County teachers, leaders, and professionals are continuing to work tirelessly to provide learning opportunities that are vital to preparing for the next grade level and transitioning smoothly when we return to a bit more of a predictable school schedule.

As Henry County Schools approaches a unique conclusion to the school year, I wanted to share details that impact student attendance, participation, mastery of learning, and preparation for next school year. The last day for seniors to attend Remote Learning classes is May 8, 2020, and the last day for all other students to attend Remote Learning is May 15, 2020.

Additionally, on the Henry County Schools website, at www.henry.k12.ga.us, you will find details related to the following End of Year Processes:

- Final Grade Calculation and Earning High School Course Credit
- Retention and Promotion
- Class Rank / Valedictorian / Salutatorian
- Learning Recovery Opportunities
- End of Year Activities for all Grades
- Returning School Issued Items
- Collecting Personal Belongings from the School
- Georgia Milestones Assessment Cancellation
- Special Education Services and IEP Meetings
- Replacing a Damaged Chromebook
- Development of a Process for Refunds of all Canceled or Postponed Events, Field Trips, Athletics, etc.
- Meal Curbside Pick-Up Services

Henry County Schools is committed to continuing to engage with students during Remote Learning to ensure that students learn the essential skills and knowledge from Quarter 4 of the school year, so that students have familiar connection points with teachers and classmates, and so that students are prepared to continue their educational success into the next school year.

I want to take this moment to encourage all students to stay connected during this remote time because we value you, your family, and your education. This is our opportunity to finish strong and prepare to move forward successfully into future years. But above all, we want to stay engaged because we care about you and your well-being; we are here to support you.

It is strange to consider that we have just three weeks remaining for our seniors and four weeks remaining for all of our other students. But as I look at the weeks ahead, I have a sense of optimism that we are getting stronger as a community and that somehow these unprecedented times will still allow us an exceptional conclusion to an exceptional school year. My thoughts are with you and your family, and I hope that you will call upon us if we can be helpful in any way.

Respectfully,



Mary Elizabeth Davis