

Monthly Superintendent's Report
Status of
Hampton Elementary School District
Reported by:
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General Comments and Reflections:

This past month has been another very difficult one for all staff, parents and students as they continue to use our distance learning activities. In general terms, the younger the students, the less focused they have been with distance learning. The Pre-K and K students are also using packets of materials developed by the teachers and these are picked up by parents. These packets are placed on tables at the entrance to the school once every two weeks. Almost 90% of the parents pick-up the packets and teachers report that the packets seem to work well along with the on-line distance learning.

The Team A students have also had packets developed that included books and worksheets. These students have been to a great extent completing their lessons in SuccessMaker and many of them are progressing along; however, there may be some parental assistance with these lessons and a true picture of each student's skill levels will need to be verified at some point directly by the Team teacher.

The Team B and C teachers are reporting that the students are, for the most part, fully engaged and actively completing their assignments, especially when they are involved in the Google classroom lessons. These students are older and they have - as one looks at the different ages - a greater level of involvement with on-line learning.

We are also looking at various ideas for the "Step-up" activity for our grade 6 students. At this point, the idea is to have the students and their parents come to school on June 10 and park in the parking lot facing the front of the school. We could then have a Zoom meeting with all of the students accessing the ceremony on their cell phones. They could see each other and watch the class video. Each student's family could drive by the front door of the school and pick up their certification. All of the cars return to their parking spaces and as the last student drives by, all of the families could start blowing their car horns. If nothing else, this 'Step-Up' would be the loudest one ever!

Bus Transportation:

At the writing of this report, EastConn has not yet offered any contract adjustment based on the Covid 19 closure of school on 3/17/20 for a reduction of costs based on the Governor's directive.

Special Education:

Based on reports by Mr. Shifrin and Dr. Benson-Clark, special education students have been offered the best possible services that we can offer because of distance learning. Both Mr. Shifrin and Dr. Benson-Clark have been in contact with parents of special education students as well as their service providers. Virtual PPTs have been held and some have been cancelled due to parent requests.

Building and Grounds:

A complete plan has been developed for the cleaning of the school now that the Governor has closed schools for the rest of this academic year. The plan is included in this report. All classrooms will be emptied of all their contents and the floors stripped and waxed. This started on 5/18 and will end on or about 5/31/ 20. The school will be sanitized and then closed for the entire month of July.

Superintendent's Hours:

Dr. Olah works from home and can be reached via email folah@hamptonschool.org
On Tuesdays from 11:00 to 2:30, he is at school.

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There are two reports attached to this Superintendent's Report

1. Covid 19 and HES - A Report
2. School Cleaning Plan
3. End of Year Report to the Town of Hampton 2018-2019