

March 17, 2020

Dear Henry Clay High School Families,

Primarily, I hope all of you are healthy and in a position to keep you and your family safe from potentially contracted the COVID-19 virus. Your ability to shield your family from this virus is and will continue to be my main concern as we all work together to get through this stressful time.

Fayette County Public Schools (FCPS) is taking all the necessary steps to ensure your child will have the opportunity to continue learning if students are not allowed to return to school on April 6. Every teacher at Henry Clay High School has hit the ground running this week to prepare non-traditional instructional (NTI) assignments for our students. Should FCPS need to employ the use of NTI days because of efforts to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, your child will be able to continue their education via an online learning platform such as Google Classroom, Canvas, etc.

Aside from wishing your family good health and safety, I want to reach out to any family who does not have access at home to the technology required for online learning. If you do not have the necessary technology for online learning, please contact the school at 859-381-3423 as soon as possible to make us aware of your situation. With help from FCPS, we hope to provide any family in need with the necessary technology for their child to work online. If we are unable to do so, we will provide paper copies of assignments to ensure your child's education continues regardless.

As the father of four (ages 15, 13, 11, and 5), I am fully aware of the challenges of maintaining a home environment that is as stress free as possible during this time. While I do want my children to maintain a healthy focus on their education, my main goal for them remains what it always has been. I want them to be happy and healthy; my main goal for your child is the same. If we end up going into NTI days, please encourage your child to do the best they can each day for no longer than 4 to 4.5 hours and then call it a day. This is uncharted waters for all of us and the last thing I want for anyone's child is for them to be overly stressed because of schoolwork. Please understand me. As the principal of Henry Clay High School, your child's education is tremendously important to me, but your child's physical and emotional well-being will always be paramount. Please feel free to reach out to me for any reason you might need to during this time of uncertainty.

Sincerely,

Paul Little Jr.

Principal, Henry Clay High School