



# Hartington-Newcastle Public Schools

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*Mission Statement: To develop students of character while empowering them to achieve personal success*

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Dear Parents,

After consulting with state and local health departments, and following the recommendation of the commissioner of education and the governor, Hartington-Newcastle Public Schools will now be closed until May 1, 2020 due to the COVID-19 virus.

During school closure all facilities will be closed to the public. There will be no practices or activities of any sort. Any calendar event scheduled during this time is indefinitely postponed. Please check [hns cats.org](https://hns cats.org) for updated calendar cancellations or postponements.

Furthermore, beginning Tuesday, March 31, we will now be offering free meals to all HNS students AND any child ages 1-18 who lives in our school district. All meals are reimbursed by the federal government. You can sign up each day at [hns cats.org](https://hns cats.org) OR you can call the school office at 402-254-3947 if you wish to sign up to get a meal every day. This is open to any HNS student and any child aged 1-18 in our district, regardless of the school they attend. We will only serve meals on the days we were scheduled to be in session. At this time we plan to continue to deliver meals.

Please continue to have your children check their email and Google classroom.

Thank you for your patience during this difficult time. I know that together, all of us will make it through this. Please continue to stay safe and practice social distancing and encourage your students to do so as well.

Sincerely,

A. J. Johnson  
Superintendent, Hartington-Newcastle Public Schools