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Dear Hernando Families,

The Hernando County School District Student Services Department recognizes that our families and students are in the process of adjusting to multiple changes due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

In this time of uncertainty and upheaval with the global pandemic we want to provide our families with resources and links available in our community.

Included with this letter is a list of family resources and many links that you may find helpful. We have also included a Frequently Asked Questions document regarding the school based services that Student Services staff provides.

I can assure you that our staff of Social Workers, School Psychologists, and Substance Abuse Educators are working to continue their support to our students and families. They can also receive new referrals from schools.

Please contact our office at (352) 797-7008 and leave a voicemail if you need assistance. We will return your phone call within 24 hours.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

Stay well and Stay Safe,

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Student Services COVID -19 FAQ

Will my child still receive their 504 accommodations during remote learning?

Section 504 plans remain active during this campus closure. If you have questions regarding accommodations please contact your school counselor or school psychologist.

Will my student continue to receive IEP counseling during the campus closure?

Student Support Staff will continue to provide services and support to students who were receiving them prior to campus closure. The delivery of support and services will change due to social distancing, but your student will remain supported.

How will this affect non-IEP related counseling services my student received at school prior to campus closure?

Student Support Staff will continue to provide services and support to students who were receiving them prior to campus closure. The delivery method of support and services will change due to social distancing, but your student will remain supported.

I have experienced loss of housing; how can I make sure my child continues to get their academic needs met?

Hernando County School District’s Families in Transition program has resources specific to needs that arise out of housing concerns. Please call 352-797-7008 ext. 312 for this type of assistance.

My child is struggling emotionally, what support is available?

School Social Workers, School Counselors, and School Psychologists remain available to our students and families during this campus closure. Please see the list of resources Hernando County School District has provided for community options. You may also call your school for referrals to school based assistance with identifying viable support options.
**RESOURCES**

**Family**

**Online Learning Tech Support**
352-797-7111.
ParentHelpDesk@hcsb.k12.fl.us

**Talking to Your Child about COVID 19**

- NPR Comic Exploring Coronavirus
- CDC Helping Children Cope

**Outpatient Services**

- Baycare - 1-866-762-1743 / (352) 540-9335
- Behavioral Health Associates - 352-597-5497
- Children’s Advocacy Center - 352-754-8809

**Food**

- Saint Vincent De Paul Spring Hill 688-3331
- Daystar Life Center - Brooksville, FL (352) 799-5930
- People Helping People in Hernando County (352) 686-4466
- Access Florida Department of Children & Families 1-800-762-2237

**Emergency:** 911
- Poison Control: 1800-222-1222
- Suicide Crisis Line: 1-800-Suicide or Mobile Response Team (362) 273-8256
- Hernando County Sheriff’s Office: (362) 764-

**Community Resources**

- CDC COVID 19
- Hernando County Health Department COVID 19
- 211 COVID 19 Resources

**Mental Wellness**

- Mind Yeti
  - Stop Breathe Think
  - Child Mind Institute
  - Coping Resources
- Gender

**COVID-19**

- Resources
- CDC COVID 19
- Hernando County Health Department COVID 19
- 211 COVID 19 Resources