

7-12 Principal's Report

April 2020

SCHOOL CLOSURE & COVID 19: We will be closed for the remainder of the year with a blended learning environment. The Hilldale Colony will open May 11-28, 2020, in order to complete the school year. The Jr/Sr high school will bring small groups of Seniors in to work individually with teachers to complete course work that is needed for graduation. Teachers continued to create assignments and course work using the Microsoft TEAMS platform.

I worked diligently with IT and Triangle Communications to provide internet to all the students who requested it. We continue to reach out to students and to connect the internet for their educational instruction.

I work daily to keep up with the ever changing school regulations and closures during this time. I have been in communication with parents, students, teachers, and staff to ensure that things are improving for our students and that all are able to access the course content. I continue to participate in numerous virtual meetings [Bruco cleaning, Infinite Campus, Microsoft courses, OPI, SAM, SLT meetings and staff meetings] in order to support and guide our teachers and students through online learning.

I have our paraprofessionals working in the kitchen to help with making and delivering over 1200 meals a day. Teachers are required to keep an educational/instructional log of everything they are doing during the day to help students, develop their curriculum and/or online professional development to improve their instruction to students using the online format.

Curriculum & Instruction: I have been working to ensure that all certified staff are completing attendance correctly using the COVID attendance provide by Infinite Campus, updating grades daily, posting their 3-week grades, completing the parent contact logs, and general class preparedness. Teachers have expressed frustration at low attendance and participation of students in the online platform. Students are using it to chat with one another but are choosing not to complete assignments or respond to teachers reaching out.

Many teachers are explicitly teaching vocabulary in their content areas using FlipGrid, vocabulary.com website, and vocabulary assignments created in Microsoft TEAMS.

Standardized testing was postponed and the Juniors and Seniors will take the ACT exam in October 2020.

Policy 1902 was adopted by the Board of Trustees and I worked with the teachers to create a rubric to evaluate all 4th quarter work. Also, 4th quarter will be a Pass/Fail grade with a letter grade being posted on the transcript using the semester grading. The 4th quarter grade will not be calculated into the GPA on any of the students' transcripts.

Supervision & Evaluation: The instructional coach has been working with a few teachers and meeting virtually with those teachers. All teachers have created their

courses and students have the opportunity to work with teachers in individual and small group virtual meetings.

Tenured observations were scheduled to happen between March 23-31, and evaluations were scheduled to be completed during the first week in April in accordance with the Master Contract. However, due to the COVID 19 virus these have also been postponed.

Culture & Language: The students are receiving a lot of culture and language at home being with their families in quarantine. Also, our Cree instructor has been working with students using the Stone Child College Cree app, virtual meetings, and individual phone calls to work on their oral and listening skills.

Behavior Management: Behavior incidents are not recorded due to the school closure. We are working with students and families by reaching out to them each and every day. Teachers are either using TEAMS chat, school email, phone calls, Facebook messenger as means to reach students. Teachers are encouraging students to continue to work in these difficult times and have been flexible in receiving and grading course work.

Student attendance rates are being measured by student participation in Microsoft TEAMS courses. Below is a graph of student participation rates since the beginning of the school closure in March.

Week	First 3 weeks	Week 4	Week 5
HS	60.51%	33.63%	26.8%
JH	67.5%	30.9%	32.7%

Teachers have expressed a great concern with the lack of student participation and the number of students that will need to recover credit in the fall.

Students of the month - April: Kodee Henderson & Tyra Parker

Daily Management: The Parent Portal for Infinite Campus is up and running. Parents are able to monitor student grades, attendance, behavior, and update addresses, phone numbers and emergency contacts. The Student Portal has been running since December.

Portal Usage:

IC Portal Usage	March	April	May
HS	268	2138	N/A
JH	135	1019	N/A

Current enrollment for Jr. High - 78 students, High School - 121 students, Total enrollment 7/12 - 199 students. Spring sports were cancelled by the MHSA. Due to emergency closure adopted by the Board of Trustees the school will remain closed until June 30, and open gym/field cannot occur.