

March 16, 2020

Dear Parents,

In an abundance of caution and ongoing concern and in the best interest of our students and staff, we have decided to temporarily proceed with an indefinite closure of Hillcrest Baptist School, effective Tuesday, March 17th, for a minimum of two weeks/until further notice due to growing concerns over the coronavirus pandemic.

Students' academic success, health, safety, and well-being are top priority. Teachers have implemented and prepared their distance learning plan for approximately three weeks. Middle grades will transition to primarily online classes, and K4-5th grade students will receive a three week instructional packet that will be sent home today. If the school is closed for more than three weeks, Middle grade teachers will continue to post online assignments, and Elementary teachers will create additional instructional packets for parents to pick up from the school.

In the wake of closure, we will continue to monitor and follow the procedures of Richmond County and CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). HBS has taken extra precautionary measures in response to this developing public health impact, including increased cleaning and sanitizing procedures.

We understand the concern and uncertainty you may have around the evolving situation, and we are committed to being responsive. It is our intent to keep you updated and provided with the latest information via HBS' website and/or HBS' Facebook. We appreciate your loyalty and look forward to resuming operations.

HBS will be praying asking God to keep you and your family well and safe. Remember, he has the whole world in his hand.

In Christ Love,

Ms. C. Portis, Principal Hillcrest Baptist School

David White, Interim Chairman, Hillcrest Baptist School