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CHCCS UPDATES COMMUNITY AFTER GOVERNOR ORDERS ALL SCHOOLS TO REMAIN CLOSED

 CHAPEL HILL, N.C. **–** Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools releases its ninth update on how COVID-19 is affecting the district after Gov. Roy Cooper ordered that all North Carolina schools remain closed through May 15, 2020. The update begins by stating that this announcement brings another round of questions to be answered and decisions to be made, but that the district will continue to update the community when information becomes available.

 The district uses the update to respond to questions that they have been receiving regarding whether or not students, specifically high school seniors, would need to complete their service learning hours. The district states that the service learning program is suspended until school resumes and that high school seniors do not have to complete the 25-hour service learning requirement to graduate.

 The update requests that parents and staff remind students that all CHCCS facilities are closed at this time. The district has noticed that children have been climbing locked gates and

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fences to use green space and fields and they ask that this does not continue as the CDC has recommended that social distancing includes athletic events of any kind.

 The district cancels its Teacher First Breakfast that was planned for this spring to kick off Teacher Appreciation Week. This event has been held for the past 17 years. “It will return in 2021 with this long-standing tradition of Breakfast and Roses,” said Superintendent Pamela Baldwin. The superintendent also assures families that teachers have been working hard on remote learning opportunities that will begin March 30, 2020.

**About Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools**

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools is a public school district that was founded in 1909 in Orange County, North Carolina. This school district educates over 12,000 students in three high schools, four middle schools, 11 elementary schools, an alternative high school and a school that serves children being treated at UNC Hospital. Three elementary schools and three middle schools in the district are dual language schools. Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools strives to enable students to acquire necessary skills to live rewarding and productive lives. For more information, visit the CHCCS [website](https://www.chccs.org/Page/1) or call CHCCS at (919) 967-8211.

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