

## **HCS D Updates 10/15/2020**

### **Good News:**

- Your graduating class of 2020 ACT average score of 21.3 outpaces the national average of 20.6. As with the SAT, AP, and IB performance, congratulations are in order for our HCS D students and team members!
- The HCS D is one of three Georgia school districts to receive funding from a \$9M federal grant to address mental health awareness and the emotional health of our 27,000 learners.
- Our mitigation team is in the process of safely and thoughtfully creating protocols designed to provide opportunities for our students to participate in fine arts performances. Updates will be available soon.

### **COVID Corner:**

- We are cautiously optimistic due to a recent declining trend in the number of HCS D absences due to COVID. Additionally, we are convinced that the strict adherence to our mitigation strategies continues to be the reason we are able to have in-person school. Thank you for your continued support of keeping our students, team members, and community as safe as possible. We echo the thoughts of our health department in encouraging individuals to get flu shots.
- We follow our quarantine guidelines. COVID plays no favorites. Also, individual health information is protected by federal and state law. Multiple factors are considered when making these decisions. As an example, individuals who have had a diagnosed case of COVID within the past 90 days are exempt from additional testing or quarantine. We either adhere to these guidelines or eliminate them completely, and the latter is not an option. Safety takes precedence over every other factor.

Thank you for the opportunity of serving our boys and girls