

**A Message from the Hercules Education Foundation:**

The Hercules Education Foundation hopes everyone in the Hercules community is staying safe and healthy during these unprecedented times. Supporting students is HEF's highest priority -- in the classroom, at school, in the community, and now...via distance learning.

With one or more kids at home, we understand that life may be complicated and responsibilities have multiplied, and we are very thankful for our amazing parents. Our teachers are stepping up to these personal and professional challenges as well, working hard to engage our students with online learning. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during these unprecedented times.

**Hercules Education Foundation Supports Racial Equity:**

We stand in solidarity with all individuals in the fight against systemic racism, and in support of justice and reform.

HEF's vision is that all of Hercules' students receive an exceptional education preparing them to achieve their highest potential. To realize this vision, HEF raises funds for classroom materials in Hercules to support students' getting an excellent education.

As a partner to the West Contra Costa School District, we echo the commitment of our District leaders in addressing issues on social and emotional learning, racial equity, and digital technology during this complex time, in addition to safety in our schools when it is time to reopen, and, of course, the achievement of all students. We look to our District and teachers to teach our students to communicate their own feelings of injustice, understand the injustices people of color face every day, and to rise against intolerance in defense of others as we work together to build a more just world.

HEF commits to being an ally and advocate in racial justice efforts, both internally as a nonprofit organization and externally as a community member and public education partner. We believe every child in every community deserves an equitable education. We encourage everyone to actively educate yourself alongside us on anti-racism and to serve and advocate on behalf of others.

The Hercules Education Foundation takes its commitment to each child in our community seriously. We are all in this together.