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Good evening,

I hope that you and your family's new year is off to a great start! I wanted to send a quick message to keep you informed of our district's continuous work to maintain in-person learning for all students. The latest information that we are receiving from healthcare partners along with the increasing number of new cases that have been reported in just the first few days of the semester indicates that a new wave of COVID cases will be reaching us soon. Tecumseh Public Schools will continue to keep our sites open as long as we can operate safely. However, please understand that there may be times when we will not have enough substitute employees to fill in for sick staff members including teachers, paraprofessionals, bus drivers, and child nutrition workers. If we are unable to maintain an appropriate student-to-staff ratio, if we are unable to find bus drivers to run the majority of our routes, or if we are unable to have enough healthy child nutrition workers to prepare and serve meals in our kitchens, then we may be forced to move to distance learning at one or more sites or for the district as a whole. I am not sending this note because it is happening now. I am sending it to make you aware that it could happen and to provide you with some time to prepare in case it does.

Should a site in our district or the district as a whole have to move to distance learning because of a staff shortage or because of an outbreak of cases within the school, please know that I will send out a letter to the parents/guardians of all students who will be impacted as soon as possible. This message will come through a push button notification in our Apptegy school app which is tied to our student information system. If the phone number for your child's primary guardian has changed, please contact your child's school site with that information at your earliest convenience so that we can update our system and be able to get the info that you need to you in a timely manner.

Again, this message is precautionary only. There are no current closings to report. Our dedicated teachers, paraprofessionals, secretaries, custodians, bus drivers, child nutrition workers, and administrators will continue to work hard to make sure that our schools stay open and stay safe as much as possible through the remainder of the school year.

We ask that you please help us keep our schools safe by conducting a wellness check with your student each day before sending him/her to school. If your child is running fever, has a loss of taste or smell, is sick to his/her stomach, has a sore throat or cough, or has other flu-like symptoms, we ask that you do not send him/her to school until those symptoms have been resolved. This will allow us to keep our students and staff safe at school by cutting down on at-school exposures and transmission of not just COVID but also the flu, strep throat, stomach viruses, and all of the other illnesses that can so easily be spread between students and staff in school settings.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your support of Tecumseh Public Schools.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert H. Kinsey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Robert H. Kinsey
Superintendent
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