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Dear Tecumseh Families,

During the first week of the semester, our teachers and staff have been hit hard with COVID. As of this evening, we currently have approximately 25% of the teachers at both Tecumseh Middle School and Tecumseh High School who are currently sick or have in-home exposures that keep them from being able to come to school. We currently are five substitute teachers short at TMS and eight substitutes short at THS for Monday, and we anticipate that those substitute shortages will continue throughout the entirety of next week. When situations like this arise, we look to combine classes and we ask teachers to fill in for classes during their planning periods. These options can be sustained for a few days but not for an entire week. Because of this, I have decided to transition Tecumseh Middle School students and Tecumseh High School students to distance learning for the week of January 10<sup>th</sup> through January 14<sup>th</sup>. As of now, all elementary sites in the district will remain open with in-person instruction.

Distance learning will take place daily via our learning management system, Canvas. Each TMS and THS student will log in daily and meet the requirements established by their respective sites for attendance. Teachers will be in communication through Canvas and can assist in answering specific questions regarding your child's daily learning. Please reach out to your child's teacher through Canvas or other communication methods if you have any needs. Since this move to distance learning is due to a staffing shortage and not an outbreak of cases among our students, we will continue our extracurricular activities as scheduled. Our coaches, teachers, and directors will be in touch with their respective student participants to discuss practice schedules and expectations for the week.

We will communicate with you about any changes to this plan as new information is available. We appreciate your understanding and your flexibility in this matter. Please note that this decision is not made lightly, but, rather, with the safety of our students and staff members in mind. Thank you for your support of Tecumseh Public Schools.

Regards,

Robert H. Kinsey  
Superintendent  
Tecumseh Public Schools