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Dear Tecumseh Families,

COVID continues to take its toll on our teachers and staff members in many sites in our district. Even with our middle school and high school sites currently in distance learning, we are continuing to struggle to find substitute teachers for our elementary schools. At Cross Timbers Elementary, we need 9 substitutes each day for the next three days but only have one substitute teacher available. Because of this, I have made the decision to move all of our third through fifth grade students to distance learning for the remainder of the week – from January 11<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>. Cross Timbers cafeteria staff will offer a grab-and-go lunch for Cross Timbers students from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM each day. Meals will be brought to your car when you arrive. Please provide your child's lunch number to receive the meal. As of now, Tecumseh Early Childhood Center and Barnard Elementary will remain open with in-person instruction.

Distance learning will take place daily via our learning management system, Canvas. Each Cross Timbers Elementary student will log in daily and meet the requirements established by their site 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.

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