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Superintendent

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Dear Tecumseh Families,

Our staffing issues continue to grow as our teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, and support staff members are being adversely impacted by COVID. Our substitute staffing needs at Barnard Elementary have now outgrown our ability to cover the classrooms and other necessary positions that need to be filled in order to operate the school safely and effectively. Because of this, I have made the decision to move all of our first and second grade students to distance learning for the remainder of the week – from January 12<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>.

Barnard students may pick up a grab-and-go lunch from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM each day at Cross Timbers cafeteria. Meals will be brought to your car when you arrive there. Please provide your child's lunch number to receive the meal.

As of now, Tecumseh Early Childhood Center will remain open with in-person instruction.

Distance learning will take place daily via our learning management system, Canvas. Each Barnard Elementary student will log in daily and meet the requirements established by their site for attendance. Teachers will be in communication through Canvas or another communication method 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