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Good evening, Tecumseh Families:

I want to provide an update on our current COVID health status for Tecumseh Public Schools and let you know about our learning plan for the remainder of the week at each of our sites. We continue to have staff members who test positive with COVID reported daily as well as a number of our students who are being impacted by the virus. Just as quickly as a staff member recovers from COVID and comes out of isolation, it seems that we lose another one to a new infection.

As of now, we have the following needs for substitute teachers at our sites for the remainder of the week. These are instructional staff members and do not represent staffing needs with our support staff members such as secretaries, child nutrition workers, custodians, and bus drivers.

	Wednesday, January 19 th	Thursday, January 20 th	Friday, January 21 st
TECC	6 (4 available)	6 (4 available)	6 (4 available)
Barnard	10 (2 available)	10 (2 available)	9 (2 available)
Cross Timbers	11 (1 available)	10 (1 available)	9 (1 available)
TMS	6 (2 available)	5 (1 available)	5 (1 available)
THS	6 (6 available)	6 (6 available)	6 (6 available)

Based on these staffing needs, we have determined the following course of action for each site for the remainder of this week.

- We do have substitutes to cover most of our staffing needs at **Tecumseh Early Childhood Center**, so we **will remain open with in-person instruction**.
- We do not have substitutes to cover our staffing needs at **Barnard Elementary**, so our first and second graders **will remain with distance learning** for the remainder of the week.
- We do not have substitutes to cover our staffing needs at **Cross Timbers Elementary**, so our third, fourth, and fifth graders **will remain with distance learning** for the remainder of the week.
- We do have substitutes to cover most of our staffing needs at **Tecumseh Middle School**, so we **will re-open with in-person instruction**.

- We do have substitutes to cover our staffing needs at **Tecumseh High School**, so we **will re-open with in-person instruction**.

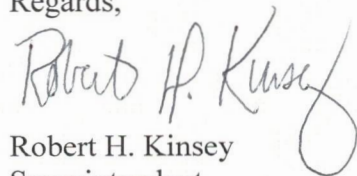
For our first through fifth grade students at Barnard Elementary and Cross Timbers Elementary who will complete this week with distance learning, each student should continue to use our learning management system, Canvas, each day to receive his/her instruction. Students should log in daily and meet the requirements established by their respective sites for attendance. Teachers will be in communication through Canvas and can assist in answering specific questions about your child's daily learning. Please reach out to your child's teacher through Canvas or other communication methods if you have any needs. Students who attend either Barnard or Cross Timbers can pick up a grab-and-go lunch from the Cross Timbers cafeteria between 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM each day. A meal will be brought to your car when you arrive. Please have your student's name available for the child nutrition staff member so that an accurate lunch count can be made.

For students at Tecumseh Early Childhood Center, Tecumseh Middle School, and Tecumseh High School, classes will continue tomorrow morning as scheduled except for students enrolled in Mrs. Johnson's special education classroom at Tecumseh Middle School which will remain in distance learning for the remainder of the week. Our goal will be to remain open for in-person instruction unless we have a major staffing shortage at one or more of these sites. If we have to pivot to distance learning at any of these sites, a message will be sent to parents as soon as possible.

For students and staff members who are attending school, we ask that you please follow our district's wellness checklist each day. If a student or staff member is running fever, has symptoms of flu, is coughing, has a sore throat, or has been vomiting recently, please do not return to school until all of these symptoms have been resolved without the use of medication for at least 24 hours. Please call the school's office to report the absence if you are not feeling well. If a student or staff member is waiting results of a COVID test, please do not come to school until the results of the test have determined that you are negative for COVID. Please note that our district's policy still requires ten (10) days of isolation for any person who tests positive for COVID. Please contact one of our sites and ask to be put in touch with a school nurse if you have questions about returning to school if you have had COVID. By following these procedures, we can limit the spread of the disease throughout our schools and remain open for in person learning.

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 we will continue to assess the situation daily and work to remain or return to in-person instruction as soon as we can at all sites. Thank you for your support of Tecumseh Public Schools.

Regards,



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