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Dear Tecumseh Parents,

The last few weeks have brought a deep concern worldwide over the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID – 19). That concern has made its way to our state and our community. On March 11, 2020, as cities and states were working to safeguard their citizens, the World Health Organization declared this outbreak of COVID – 19 a pandemic.

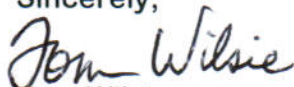
I wanted to let you know what we are doing to protect our children and what our plans are for the coming days and weeks. First and foremost, we are using the CDC recommendations of the simplest safeguards against contagion by encouraging frequent handwashing, covering your mouth and nose with the inside of your elbow when you cough or sneeze and staying at home when you are feeling sick. Also, our cleaning teams and staff members are making frequent, directed cleanings of all buildings also CDC recommended, to help curtail the spread of this illness as well as the flu virus.

We continue constant contact with the Oklahoma State Department of Health through the Pottawatomie County Health Department that provides current updates on COVID-19. Our region, Region 6 (Pottawatomie, Cleveland, Grady, Hughes, McClain and Seminole Counties), has implemented a Public Health Team to be ready to handle COVID-19 situations for our region. On Friday March 13, 2020, we will participate in an interactive conference call with the Oklahoma State Department of Education and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Joy Hofmeister. This call will be dedicated to issues related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). An important part of this discussion will center on students and families taking trips during the scheduled spring break period and their return to school. As we address this very serious matter our school district will always choose measures based on current, accurate information from frontline agencies that communicate hour by hour with experts in the fields of infectious disease control and emergency response.

Your assistance, patience and cooperation are needed in this process to help us ensure the wellbeing of our students and staff. If you are traveling out of state or out of the country over the spring break period, please communicate with your child's school site principal so they are aware of any potential situations.

As new information is made available to us we will keep you informed. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,


Tom Wilsie
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