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Dear Tecumseh Families,

This afternoon I want to provide you information regarding our plans for the school closure over the next two week period, March 23rd through April 3rd. We continue to gather details and information surrounding the school closure and will follow the guidelines outlined for schools during this time. The purpose of the State Board resolution to close schools was to assist in the efforts to control the exposure to the Coronavirus for all citizens. As we work together, our goal is to help limit the spread of the disease and to assist with efforts to minimize the numbers that would overwhelm our hospitals and medical facilities.

The action from the state board provided that no educational instruction was to take place during this time. This requires that schools should have only essential staff on site during this time. The essential staff would include our administrative office personnel to continue with payroll and other essential district functions, our maintenance personnel to ensure that our buildings are cleaned and our child nutrition personnel to continue the student meal service. The Child Nutrition Program is an area that has been given special precedence by the State Department as we continue efforts to ensure that our students have meals during this time of closure. We understand the ramifications of the Coronavirus Pandemic and want to assist students and families where we can.

With this in mind, we will begin serving meals to our students on Monday, March 23rd. We will continue this service Monday through Friday until school is reopened or we are instructed of necessary changes. You will find the schedule of delivery and pick up for the meal service on our website, www.tecumseh.k12.ok.us or on our school app found in the App Store under Tecumseh Public Schools, Oklahoma. We recognize this very important nutritional need and want to do all we can in order to ensure our student needs are met.

While we cannot provide educational instruction during this two week period, we do want to plan for the future. Whether that is a return to our regular school schedule or a continuation of the closure, we must be ready to respond. The current plans will certainly change and our efforts reevaluated as we gather the newest information. We will be communicating all of these educational plans over the next couple of weeks as we lead up to the next phase of our plan of action. We have put together a list of free enrichment activities on our website for students to utilize during the closure.

I know there are still many unanswered questions regarding what lies ahead for our school and your child's education. We want to reassure you that your child's education is important to us and we are planning on ways that we can complete the school year in a successful manner.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Tom Wilsie
Superintendent