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Tecumseh
Public Schools

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Dear Tecumseh Parents,

Today we participated in a conference call with State Superintendent, Joy Hofmeister, concerning the current school closure due to the COVID-19. During this meeting she informed our group of her plan to make a request to the Oklahoma State Board of Education, asking them to approve an extended school closure for the remainder of the current school year. The State Board meets this Wednesday, March 25th. As a part of this request, there will also be a proposal that all schools develop a Continuous Learning Plan. This plan will be the outline for the delivery of education to all students over the next two month period. While we will continue to provide education to all of our students, the delivery of these lessons will be through various distance learning opportunities, rather than through the traditional classroom setting.

In this significant change of instruction for our students, we are encouraging our teachers, principals and all other personnel that are involved in the instruction of our students, to be innovative in the delivery of their instruction. Our goal will focus on how each of us can bring their classroom instruction to our students without them sitting in the traditional classroom. To make this transition successful, we will all have to work together for the benefit of your children and our students. This change will certainly require that there be a daily expectation for each student to engage in the lesson provided, and for this we will need your help. Your participation will make your child an active learner and ensure a positive outcome in these challenging times.

Today, through the combined efforts of our child nutrition department, our bus drivers and many of our paraprofessionals, we began the delivery of meals to students. Utilizing our existing bus routes we served students through the school district and in our community. These efforts are designed to provide our students with two meals each day, Monday through Friday. We will continue these efforts through the remainder of the school year.

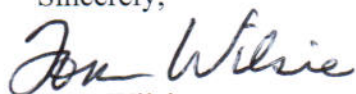
In the next few days you can expect a survey where we will request information pertaining to your home's internet access as well as computer availability. This information will assist us in the development of our Continuous Learning Plan and directly impact your child's receipt of their daily instruction.

For our parents with high school seniors we know these are difficult times as you complete this final year as a public school student. We have begun the discussion and will move forward with the review of student transcripts to ensure that we have all students on track to meet graduation requirements. There will be more information to follow on this very important topic.

I will continue to provide you with information as it becomes available to keep you in the loop of the happenings at the state and local level. As we navigate these changes and the others that will follow, we must work together to make the most of this situation and to stress to your children and our students that we are going to do this as a team, and together we will make this as positive as we can.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Wilsie".

Tom Wilsie
Superintendent