



TECUMSEH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Tecumseh Families,

Michigan Schools are experiencing the dramatic and profound impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. With schools now closed for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year, districts have been given the task of creating a Continuity of Learning Plan to address the educational needs of students until it is deemed safe for face-to-face teaching and learning to resume.

In creating the Plan for students in Tecumseh, our pledge from the beginning has been:

- Be mindful of the circumstances of every family
- Focus heavily on the social/emotional needs of all students
- Keep our approach simple

First, I would like to mention a few of the details from the Executive Order.

It says, in part:

- Students currently in grades K-11 will ALL advance to the next grade level for the 2020-21 school year.
- Students currently in 12th grade who were “on track” to graduate, will graduate. Seniors who were failing any class as of March 11, will have the opportunity to complete work that will get them to a passing level, in order to graduate.
- All school buildings in Michigan are closed, except for activity required to implement the Continuity of Learning Plan. We have also declared each campus closed.
- School districts will continue to provide food service to pupils who qualify.
- There shall be no consequences for families who are unable to interact with the Plan.

Tecumseh Public Schools has a Continuity of Learning Plan that will uphold these points along with the rest of the elements of the Executive Order. Our Plan will be a hybrid of electronic, technology-based platforms and hard-copy, paper materials for students at every grade level. Special Education staff will continue to meet with, monitor, and support special education students on their caseloads using phone and virtual options.

Our first step will be to communicate with each family through our instructional staff. Teachers will be reaching out to find the preferred methods of interaction with the plan, materials needed, and devices needed (if any). TPS will provide one computer device per family to use during the implementation of the Plan. Currently, all 7-12 students have a district-provided Chromebook, therefore; we will focus on families who do not currently have any device in their home. The distribution procedure and location will be announced later this week. For families with limited or no internet access, hard-copy materials will be available.

All students who are currently in grades K-8 will receive "credit" and advance to the next grade level when school resumes next year. For Tecumseh High School students, a grading protocol document is being provided via email from Mr. Mills to lay out the details. This will also be attached to the district website.

The details of the Learning Plan for each grade level are now available on the district website and will also be available at the food service lunch distribution sites this week and next week. Expect to hear from your child's teacher this week as we begin to provide information about the Learning Plan and check on how each student is doing at this time. Full implementation of activities will begin on Monday, April 20. We will begin small and adjust each week as needed throughout the rest of the school year, ending on June 9. The plan will NOT require the use of textbooks or other materials that may still be in lockers or desks in one of our buildings. At some point when it is deemed safe, we will have a process for parents to retrieve items left at school.

We expect to learn what works well and what needs to be adjusted while this plan moves forward. Regular communication with families will continue as a way to support understanding of the details included in the plan. We know that our Plan cannot replace the personal interaction of face-to-face instruction, however; we will do everything we can to provide experiences aimed at keeping skills sharp until things return to normal.

Thank you for your patience and understanding and ***ROLL TRIBE!!!***

Rick Hilderley
Superintendent