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Dear Tri-County families,

Due to staffing shortages that have come up in the past couple days, the Decision Team has decided that we must transition to the Distance Learning Model. What this means is that tomorrow we will have a non-instructional transition day (no school for students) and then resume with Distance Learning Wednesday through Friday. The Decision Team will evaluate our staffing and county numbers on Friday and communicate a decision to families then. Tri-County's full Distance Learning Plan is on Tri-County's webpage under the Back to School 2020 tab. All families are asked to view the plan. It contains the class meeting times for high school students that will occur by Google Meets. Students are asked to be sure and check their school emails and Google Classrooms daily.

Meals will resume on Friday. If we are able to make meals work before that, we will inform families. Any packet deliveries will take place Wednesday. Please have a tote or cooler outside for any possible deliveries. As a reminder, childcare is available for students of Tier I workers from 8:00-3:30 Tuesday – Friday.

As you know, Tri-County wants students in person because we feel it is the best way to receive an education. However, with staff shortages so overwhelming, the ability to adequately educate our students is getting difficult. We feel distance learning for this week will ensure our teachers can focus fully on their students. We hope we can get back to either hybrid model or the full in-person model very soon.

Thank you for your understanding during this uncertain time.