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Dear Tri-County families,

First of all, I want to take a moment to thank our Tri-County families for their patience and understanding during this pandemic. Also, we want to thank our families for their support as we work together to educate our students. Our families have been amazing to work with and our students are better off because of it.

The Decision Team met recently to discuss how to return to school after the Christmas break. Public Health officials were consulted as well as the Minnesota Department of Education due to recent guidance that was released from their department.

The Decision Team has decided that on Monday, January 4th, grades PreK-3 will return as they have been Monday-Thursday with grades 4-12 remaining in Distance Learning for that week. All grades will Distance Learn on Friday. On Monday, January 11, ALL GRADES will return to in-person learning Monday – Thursday. Again, Fridays will be Distance Learning for all. The reason Fridays will remain Distance Learning is in response to Governor Walz' Executive Order 20-94 that mandates teacher preparation time for Distance Learners. Also, the reason for the January 11 return for grades 4-12 is in response to Public Health recommendations in regards to one incubation period elapsing.

We are asking that families please continue to do the great job they have been of keeping sick students at home, wearing face coverings, and social distancing when possible. Your help in following these practices will help keep our students in school.

Please don't hesitate to contact the District Office at 218-436-2261 if you have any questions. A reminder will be sent out as we get closer to these days to remind families of this information.

We want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are very excited to have all students back very soon.