

# Tri-County Schools

Independent School District 2358

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Good afternoon,

This is Ryan Baron from Tri-County Schools with an important message about June 1 & 2.

This past week, we experienced both heat and humidity. What we observed in many classrooms that the combination of heat, humidity and required masks wearing made it extremely unpleasant and unbearable for students and staff. The learning environment was dramatically affected.

At Tri-County's School Board meeting on Wednesday, I was given the go-ahead to investigate the weather for June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> to see if the same heat and/or humidity would be in the forecast. Early forecasts predict temps on those days to be in the mid 70s. With the combination of masks, this heat is compounded.

Therefore, with the approval of Tri-County's School Board, I am cancelling school on June 1 and 2 due to the combination of heat and required mask wearing. **Thursday, May 27 will be the last student day at Tri-County Schools for this school year.** Friday, May 28 will not be a distance learning day.

We understand that some families may not be able to make accommodations for childcare or meals for those days. Therefore, any families who are needing childcare on Friday, May 28, Tuesday, June 1 or Wednesday, June 2 may receive childcare at school. Please contact the District Office if you should need to sign up your student for childcare on any of those days from 8:00 am-3:30 pm.

Also, any students who have been receiving free meals on distance learning Fridays will continue to receive meals on Friday, May 28, Tuesday, June 1 and Wednesday, June 2. Any families wishing to sign up for meals on those days should contact the District Office.

One positive result from this decision is that we will now be allowed to have Graduation on Friday, May 28 with no capacity limits and no distancing requirements. In accordance with Indoor event and entertainment guidance, masks will no longer be required but unvaccinated people should still wear a face covering. Graduation is open to the public and no tickets are needed by anyone.

I want to take this moment to personally thank each and every parent and guardian of our school. This has been an extremely tough year with many students experiencing quarantines and distance learning. Students and families have been asked to sacrifice a lot and many times, on short notice, to keep everyone safe and to keep school in session as much as possible. The decisions have not been easy, but I am proud of what the decisions have resulted in. I am proud of our families. I am proud of our students and I am proud of our staff. Now, more than ever, I am #TCPROUD.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.