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Dear parents and guardians,

During this time of uncertainty, we want to provide an update regarding many of the questions you may have and what the near future will look like.

March 18-27 Closure

From March 18 until March 27, students will not be completing any schoolwork or assignments. This is part of the executive order. During this time, staff will be working on putting together distance learning options should we need to continue to be away from the school after this time period.

March 30 and Beyond

Beginning March 30, 2020, Tri-County may either bring students back to school or will continue with a distance learning option. We will provide updates about this situation once a decision has been made.

Meal Options

During the closure, Tri-County will be providing breakfast and lunch for any students that need this service. Let the school know if your child(ren) will need meals. The meals may vary but will include items like cereal and milk for breakfast, and sack lunches. Meals will be delivered to students by the school. Lunch will be delivered in the late morning and will include breakfast for the next day.

To enroll for meal delivery, please complete the survey sent out. You can also sign up by calling the school by noon one day before meal deliveries are needed.

To cancel meal deliveries, call the school.

Any meals provided will be charged to the child's meal account. If your family qualifies for free and reduced meals, any meals provided during the break are free.

Technology While Away

For families that do not have internet access, or do not have a device to access schoolwork, printed packets will be provided. These will be delivered via USPS or by a staff member.

To request pre-printed distance learning packets, call the school or check this option on the survey.

Childcare

For families that qualify, and students in sixth grade or younger, Tri-County is providing free childcare services. From 7:30 AM until 5:30 PM, qualifying students may be brought to the school to be cared for by Tri-County staff. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

To qualify, one or more parents/guardians must be an emergency worker (including providers of healthcare, emergency medical services, long-term and post-acute care; law enforcement personnel; personnel providing correctional services; a public health employee; firefighters and other first responders; and court personnel).

Please note, any children at the school for childcare will undergo a standard screening process each day upon arrival. This is to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff in the building.

Special Education Services

If your child receives special education services in school, they remain entitled to these services through distance learning. At this time, we are still working out the details regarding special education and distance learning. We will update qualifying families as we know more.

Mental Health Services

Tri-County will continue to provide mental health services during the time away from school. Contact us for more information regarding these services.

Staying Updated

Continue to watch our Facebook page, website, SchoolMessenger (phone call/text), and the mail. These are the methods we will use to keep all families up to date. Additionally, feel free to call the school at any time if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Baron', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ryan Baron