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Dear Tri-County Community,

We hope this email finds you all well. I am writing today to inform you of the plan for the Student Support Services Team to continue to provide resources and services to our students and their families. This team consists of our School Adjustment Counselors, Ms. Messias and Keefe, our School Social Worker, Ms. Bronner, and our School Nurses, Ms. Hickey and Bourgette. This team has remained available and responsive to student and family communication via email and ItsLearning.

This week counselors will begin to reach out to students and/or parents of students who had previously been assigned to school based counseling to determine if, when and how periodic check-ins and/or service will continue. At this time, we are not offering Telecounseling meetings but students can continue their contact via phone outreach from the counselors, email or ItsLearning messaging. Should your student and their counselor opt to speak via phone, students should expect that they will be getting calls from a blocked number. Please note that the counselors will be responsive to communication during traditional school hours; after hours urgent mental health concerns should be directed to your local emergency room.

It is our sincere desire to continue to support students and families in any way that we can. Should you have a student who is struggling with their mental health during this time who does not receive school- based counseling services, please feel free to reach out to me regarding referrals to outside counseling services. I have heard from a number of area services and the mental health crisis teams that they are taking new clients via Telehealth services. Should your student more generally need support in getting into a routine and finding meaningful activities, please feel free to refer them to the Library Media Center's Healthy You link at <https://tcrvtsdlmc.weebly.com/healthy-you.html>. Our librarian, Mr. Dagan, has added special resources for this time and there is an abundance of wellness information that students can find here.

Our students, their families and the Tri-County community are in our thoughts during this uncertain time. We understand that the stressors for families are numerous and may include job loss and economic uncertainty. I will note, in conclusion, that we are happy to do our best to answer questions about finding resources in the community should you decide to reach out to me at the email below.

Thank you and we hope you are well,

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