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Dear Music Parents,

These are extraordinary times and we have communicated earlier that we value our school bands traveling to festivals. The opportunity for Band students to perform at Festivals is an important part of their growth as musicians. These trips enrich the experiences of our musicians and provide a lifetime of memories.

The declaration from the World Health Organization of a global pandemic is a strong statement about our current context. This context impacts us all. After careful review of the uncertainty related to the COVID-19 Virus, I have made the decision to cancel the Band trips to Sun Peaks and Whistler.

The risk of harm to students, the potential for quarantine and our desire to do what is necessary to help stem the spread of infection at home, greatly influenced my decision.

As I have already stated, we are in unprecedented times and I deeply regret having to cancel trips. Under the current circumstances, I have little choice, but I hope this is one more way to limit exposure for all in our community.

Sincerely

Sheila Hammond  
Principal