

March 12, 2020

Dear Principals,

Re: International Travel

These are extraordinary times and we have earlier communicated to schools and to our community our values around international travel. These trips enrich the experiences of our youth, broaden horizons and provide a lifetime of memories. The trips are often years in planning and require extensive support and resources to unfold.

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 travel restrictions and uncertainty related to the COVID-19 Virus, our district is cancelling all international travel until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The risk of harm to students, the potential for quarantine either overseas or upon return, and our desire to do what is necessary to help stem the spread of infection, both abroad and at home, is at the heart of our decisions.

Today, Assistant Superintendents are in the process of sending individual letters to schools who are impacted. We are taking the additional step of informing all schools so that principals can also consider other international travel and implications we are considering such as upcoming international conferences. Schools should begin planning immediately for cancellation and communication to families involved.

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

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools/CEO

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