



March 4, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please be advised that the field trip to Italy and Spain in March has been cancelled. This decision has been made by the Division Administration on behalf of all our schools with Europe as a destination. Due to recent events regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus), our decision is made with our continued commitment for student safety.

This was a very difficult decision and we have considered several factors including the ever-evolving status and spread of the virus. Recent reports available through media, AHS and the WHO advise that the virus is spreading rapidly and changing in numbers every day, with unpredictable containment preventing assurance that presently safe destinations will remain so in the near future.

We recognize that there has been a significant amount of work in planning, fundraising, and scheduling these trips. Nonetheless, the Division remains responsible for the safety of all its students and staff.

We will be working with the travel companies and the schools involved in these trips to assist you in recovering funds that have been committed at this point. Your school will keep you informed as to the status of this process.

Tom Wasylenko and Krista MacGregor, Division Principals for School Operations Services, are available at 780-441-6090 to answer questions you may have. Alternatively, I may be contacted at 780-441-6119.

Rest assured that this decision was not made lightly, and our priority remains student safety.

Sincerely,

Robert Martin
Acting Superintendent

Joe Naccarato
Assistant Superintendent