

March 5, 2020

## Dear Families:

As you are aware, the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has continued to impact countries around the world with a rising number of confirmed cases. Given this rapidly evolving situation, we wanted to send an update to parents regarding the impact on student trips, particularly those trips involving international travel. The safety of our students and staff is paramount and, after careful consideration, as well as concern for the possible risk for students and staff, we have cancelled the following trips:

- Burnaby Mountain Secondary—New York City
- Cariboo Hill Secondary—New York City
- Burnaby Mountain Secondary—Italy, Germany, Switzerland
- Burnaby South Secondary—New York City
- Burnaby North Secondary—Seattle, Washington
- Burnaby North Secondary—Burlington, Washington
- BC Provincial School for the Deaf—Vancouver, Washington

We know that a great deal of planning goes into these trips and many students, staff and families will be disappointed. We certainly share that disappointment. However, our top priority remains the safety of our community, and as the list of countries and regions impacted by COVID-19 continues to grow every day, we believe it is prudent to act with an abundance of caution.

For those families impacted by these cancellations, your school principal and teacher sponsor(s) will communicate with you directly regarding next steps in working with respective travel providers in reviewing travel insurance policies. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school directly. We will continue to monitor all field trips and, should there be further cancellations, we will work directly with those schools affected.

To all our families, please know that we are actively monitoring the latest information from the Provincial Health Officer and take direction from the Ministries of Health and Education, as well as the Fraser Health Authority. We are in regular communication with them to ensure the continued safety and well-being of all students and staff. We will continue to provide all updates regarding COVID-19 on our district website as we receive them: <a href="https://www.burnabyschools.ca">www.burnabyschools.ca</a>.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and understanding.

Sincerely,

Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent



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