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April 23, 2020

RE: Senior Trip to Disney, Refund Option

Dear Senior/Parent(s) Attending Senior Trip,

Please be advised that we have made the difficult decision to cancel the Senior Trip to Disney World, which was scheduled to depart on June 6th. The rationale behind our decision is threefold: (1) we do not have assurance that Disney World will be open by June 6th and able to safely accommodate our large group; (2) we do not have assurance from Florida's state officials nor our travel company that Orlando, Florida will be open to permit large group trips; and, (3) we must make a final decision before May 1st to guarantee a full refund for every student.

I am sure recent messaging reported in the media is confusing for our students, who may have found hope with NJ Governor's school closing extension falling short of the remainder of the school year coupled with the push from Federal Officials to 'Open America'. Therefore, I want our students to understand that we would want nothing more for them to attend this trip. However, please know that we have closely monitored communication from New Jersey as well as Florida and have continued to consult with our travel company and believe we are making a prudent decision. For your understanding, I offer you the following points that were factored into this decision.

- Florida's Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-86, mandating a 14-day quarantine for individuals who fly into Florida from communities with substantial community spread (i.e. N.J.).
- Florida's EO 20-86 expires on May 7th, which falls after the May 1st deadline when school officials must make a decision to secure a full refund. And, unfortunately, we do not have any indication whether this EO will expire or be extended.
- Walt Disney World's website statement says, "Closed until further notice" and there is no indication from the company that they are preparing to open anytime soon.
- Expert analysts are suggesting that WDW may remain closed until January.
- Florida's Orange County Mayor Jerry Demmings issued a public statement that the opening of business will be "gradual and smart."

Home of the Dragons

As a result of our decision, every student will receive a 100 percent refund on their portion of the cost of the trip, rooming and airfare. Refunds could take several weeks, since suppliers like Disney, Universal and the Airline must first refund the travel agent.

In closing, and on behalf of our administrative team and Class Advisors Dolan and Miles, we are sorry to inform you that this trip has been canceled and thank you for your patience, understanding and support as we get through this pandemic together. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,



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