Dear Carrollton Community,

I write to keep you updated on new developments in our response to the global outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

We continue to learn more about this virus daily. Current understanding strongly recommends that the best way to contain or slow the spread of the virus is to follow the preventive measures outlined in my email of 03/02/2020 as well as practicing social distancing whenever appropriate or mandated. It is important to follow the recommendations in the travel guidelines not only with regard to your travel but also if you are or have been in contact with someone who has recently been compromised according to CDC guidelines.

For now, classes at Carrollton will continue as scheduled. We are canceling all school-related events requiring air travel both international and domestic through May.

As there remains a high level of uncertainty, we have prepared for on-line learning. With the goal of keeping our remote learning developmentally appropriate, each School Division is establishing its own protocol. You will receive instructions and guidelines from your daughter’s School Head on Monday, March 16. The flexibility of Carrollton’s One to One program has allowed us to prepare in school for the possibility of virtual learning, eliminating the need for an “offsite” testing day. Our students will be utilizing tools that are a part of their daily workflow, and they will be doing so on devices that they use daily.

All regularly scheduled school events and field trips are being evaluated on a case by case basis. At this time, our position is that trips in Florida during which our students will be in self-contained groups (as they would be at school) will continue as scheduled. Please pay close attention to emails from your daughter's School Head, as information about their scheduled events will come from them. Parents may decide to opt-out from up-coming field trips if you feel this is necessary.

Our Alumnae Reunion has been postponed to a future date to be determined. The International Heads Conference slated for April 23-27 will be held as a virtual conference.

The situation remains fluid, and our guidelines and positions may change as situations and directives from State and other public health agencies unfold. We will continue to provide regular updates. This information, as well as prior advisories and links to additional resources, can be found on this dedicated page we are creating for coronavirus updates.

Please resist the urge to aggregate health information or understanding about COVID-19 from social media. Social media is an inconsistent, unorganized, unreliable and unregulated platform. Using social media as a guiding source for information may not provide accurate and vital information and data to protect you and your family.

Most importantly, I urge us all to stay calm as our community and the world works through the challenge of responding with courage, confidence, and compassion, to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

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