March 9, 2020

Dear 8th-grade Families,

You’ll receive a separate communication from me today regarding our most up-to-date thinking and preparation for the coronavirus. I wanted to share our thinking regarding the 8th-grade trip specifically.

We have made the decision that we will not travel to England. The current risks, which will only grow over the next weeks and months, make traveling inadvisable. I know not being able to go to England will be a great disappointment to our students, yet our decision is made with students’ health, safety and well-being at the forefront. We will notify students before the end of the school day.

Our staff focus right now is on preparing to provide programming in the event we need to close school for a length of time, or provide curriculum for students who face extended absences. We’re also beginning to give some thought to what a feasible 8th-grade trip could look like under the unique circumstances we face. If you have thoughts about a trip alternative or concerns to share, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me or Greg.

Best,

Tim