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International Travel Cancelled

Coronavirus concerns prompts decision to halt field trips abroad

(Windsor, Ontario, Thursday March 12, 2020) – All international trips scheduled for the remainder of the school year have been cancelled due to the COVID 19 outbreak, the WECDSB announced today.

"Given the uncertainty of the situation, we felt that it was in the best interest of the health and well being of our students, our staff and their families to cancel these trips," said Director of Education Terry Lyons. "We appreciate that many people will be disappointed, but safety is our top priority. Allowing trips that could only contribute to greater spread of the virus would be irresponsible."

The decision affects a total of 12 trips that six high schools had planned to various locations throughout the United States, Costa Rica and such European destinations as Italy, France, Greece, Germany, and The Netherlands.

Trip organizers at each school will work with their travel coordinators to cancel arrangements and finalize details regarding refunds.

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