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Dear 8th Grade Parents and Guardians,

The safety, security, and well-being of our students and staff is always our first priority. I want to thank each of our students, parents, staff members, and community members for their efforts in supporting the needs of all learners during this period of school closure.

That being said, it is with a heavy heart, that we are announcing the cancellation of our trip to Washington, D.C. scheduled for May 13-15, 2020. We reflected on this decision a great deal because we know how important this trip has been to our school community. We ultimately decided to cancel the trip due to the health and safety concerns from COVID-19, Federal and State directives limiting gatherings, and health officials' recommendations to limit visits to metropolitan areas. While there are no guarantees, we are working diligently with our tour company and their vendors to try to secure your payments. We appreciate your cooperation and patience during this extraordinarily challenging time.

We will continue to update you as more information becomes available and we thank you for your understanding and patience. Please reach out to the school with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

*Shane Schwarz*

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