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Dear Weston Community,

Today, Governor Baker has urged that **all schools suspend international travel for the time being.** We had already made the decision to cancel the Middle School trip to France which was scheduled for April Break. We have three additional trips scheduled: two during June Academy (Jordan and South Africa) and one in the summer (Switzerland/Italy). We have not yet made a decision regarding these trips as they are further out. We will decide whether or not to cancel these summer trips by April Vacation, following guidance from the Weston Board of Health, the Massachusetts Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) making a priority the safety of all of our students.

Additionally, the CDC and Governor have asked that **people returning from countries that are Level-3 status (China, Iran, Italy, South Korea) to self-quarantine at home for 14 days upon entry into the U.S.** We ask that families that traveled to any of these countries over February vacation keep their children home for the next two days or until the 14 days have passed. The CDC states that, "People are thought to be most contagious when they are most symptomatic. Some spread might be possible before people show symptoms; there have been reports of this occurring with this new coronavirus." Again, with keeping the safety of all students in mind, we are asking that any families that traveled to any of these four Level-3 status countries over break or after, to please follow the directions of the Governor and keep your children home from school and all school related events. You can review the CDC's guidance by clicking https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html.

Further, we ask that if your child is not feeling well for any reason, please keep them home until they are well. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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