

PARENT ADVISORY AND
LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

Dear Parents:

While the school district wishes to afford students opportunities to expand and enrich their understanding of foreign lands, as well as to provide them with unique travel opportunities to domestic destinations, we must recognize that we are living in a time of uncertainty and volatility, where terrorism and emerging infectious diseases pose real threats to the safety and health of student travelers. As a result, the school district will continuously assess the level of risk, but parents should understand that there is no way to accurately predict the next terrorist event or the course of a disease outbreak. Student safety will be the Board of Education’s primary consideration. Therefore, it is necessary that you sign this advisory indicating your understanding of, and consent to, the following conditions under which travel to either domestic or international destinations will be administered in District 211:

1. I understand that the decision to allow a student to travel is a family decision and, by making that decision, I accept the potential risks to my son or daughter. These risks may include the risk of physical harm and financial loss.

2. I understand that the school district reserves the right at any time before a previously approved trip commences to impose a moratorium or cancellation without warning or notice, given adverse conditions or where the Homeland Security Advisory System has issued an Orange (High) or Red (Severe) alert. This includes the right of the Board of Education to cancel previously approved foreign exchange trips.

1. I understand that the school/District strongly urges that I purchase trip cancellation insurance for my son/daughter’s trip because neither the school nor the District assumes any liability in reimbursing parents of students for any monies which parents or students may have to forfeit as a result of a trip moratorium or a trip cancellation by the Board of Education or District.

(Name of Parent-Print) (Signature of Parent) (Date)

(Name of Student-Print) (Signature of Student) (Date)

(Destination) (Departure Date) (Return Date)

RETURN THIS FORM TO THE ACTIVITY DIRECTOR