LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you are aware from our previous communication to you over the past several weeks, we have been monitoring and responding to matters related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) as they arise. The health, safety, and well-being of our students is our most important priority, and we are treating this situation very seriously.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as state and local public health authorities have encouraged schools to prepare as best they can for a potential outbreak of the virus.

After consulting with public health experts, here are some measures we are taking:

- We have special-ordered additional hand sanitizer dispensers and products for the building and will monitor and make every effort replenish soap and sanitizer dispensers in restrooms and the Commons.
- In our morning Daily Announcements and on our monitors and signage throughout the building, we are reminding students of proven hygiene measures which prevent the spread of viruses.
- Our facilities staff has recommitted their efforts to deep clean classrooms and common spaces throughout our campus.
- An increasing number of countries are being placed under travel alerts due to the virus. As a result, we have canceled our Global Education Programs in Rome (Spring Break) and China (Summer 2020).
- We are monitoring conditions in other countries to decide whether we will suspend other school-sponsored travel. We will communicate these decisions to you in the near future.
- All students and faculty or staff who travel to countries placed under a travel alert by the CDC will be required to study or work from home for two weeks before returning to campus.
- This week, we are working on a plan to utilize technology so that learning may continue from home in the unlikely event that we need to close the school.

We need your help in keeping our community healthy:

- As you plan family trips over Spring Break, please seek information about updated travel restrictions. You may find the most up-to-date travel alerts on the CDC website.
In your homes, please promote recommended practices such as thorough and frequent handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home if you or your family members don't feel well.

The CDC has stated that the United States is not currently experiencing a COVID-19 epidemic. For up-to-date information, please visit the CDC, WHO, New York State, and NYC websites. As global and local conditions evolve we will reevaluate our steps and actions and communicate with you.

Thank you for your help in keeping your families and the Fordham Prep community safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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