

September 21, 2020

Dear Collège Pierre-Elliott Trudeau travelers:

We are writing to confirm the decision to cancel the interprovincial and international Collège Pierre-Elliott Trudeau trips to

France and Italy – March 24, 2021

Senior Administration has carefully considered all the factors associated with the circumstances surrounding Covid-19, commonly referred to as Coronavirus. This decision was made based on the multitude of factors and sources of information including, the Government of Canada Travel Advisory notices, the Public Health Agency of Canada, the World Health Organization, and Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living. Based on this body of information, we decided the best approach is a low-risk one, given that students are involved and the need to manage the risk of harm.

Given the continuing concerns in this situation, it is the view of the division that continuing the planned excursions would not be a prudent, thoughtful, professional decision for our families, staff and schools.

Through your teacher trip leader, please work to inform your travel provider and, if applicable, begin the insurance claim process.

It is most unfortunate that this has happened, and we are particularly disappointed for our students who will be missing out on the amazing learning opportunities that an out of school education excursion has to offer.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Kelly Barkman

Superintendent/CEO

Jason Drysdale

Assistant Superintendent

c. Diana Zozman, Principal, Collège Pierre-Elliott Trudeau