

TO: The Board of Education

FROM: Piet Langstraat, Superintendent of Schools

RE: Field Trips to the United States

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Recent events have resulted in a review of planned student travel to the United States of America (U.S.A.) Attached, for the information of the Board of Education are trips that are scheduled for the remainder of the school year.

Planned student trips to the U.S.A. fall into three categories:

- Category A - Trips where deposits have been made on such things as travel, hotels, venues, etc.
- Category B - Trips that are earlier in the planning process where few or no funds have been expended.
- Category C - Trips that are being contemplated for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

It is the intention of administration to proceed in the following manner:

- Category A – Determine if any students will be potentially affected by potential issues at the border. Work with school staff and parents to determine whether the trip should proceed and under what guidelines. E.g. If a student on the trip is potentially affected, should the trip be cancelled or proceed with the student withdrawing with no financial penalty?
- Category B – Work with school staff and parents to discuss alternative destinations that would provide students with a similar experience. These could be destinations in Canada or other international destinations.
- Category C – Advise all principals that no future trips will be planned to the U.S.A. until such time as there is clarity and certainty regarding travel restrictions.

Administration will continue to monitor the travel restrictions to the U.S.A. on a regular basis and will apprise the Board of Education should circumstances change.