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Dear Connelly Families,

The health and safety of your daughters and our faculty and staff are always our highest priorities. For this reason, we are monitoring the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website for the most up-to-date information about the Coronavirus. This is a rapidly evolving situation and we will follow the latest CDC updates for guidance on the most effective and sensible prevention measures.

As of this afternoon, the CDC has issued a Level 3 Warning, advising against all non-essential travel to, and from, China. The virus may have been more widespread in China than has been reported, possibly putting our families who are expected to travel at greater risk than was first assumed. The virus has a reported 14-day incubation period.

Out of an abundance of caution, we are asking students who are expected to return to Connelly from China in the coming days to self-quarantine for a period of 14 days from the date of their arrival, and to see a doctor to ensure that they are asymptomatic before returning to campus. Cambridge, the company who manages two of our international students, is urging our students to stay in China until the CDC reduces the warning level from the current Level 3 Warning to a Level 2 Warning. In addition, Cambridge will not allow our students to return to their host family home until they have self-quarantined. Given this provision, it is expected that our students from China may not be on campus for some time. We are working to provide these students ways for some class access via Facetime or Zoom.

If you would like to discuss this further or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience as we work together for the health and safety of our whole community. I look forward to staying in touch on this matter.

In Peace,

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