Date: March 11, 2020
To: Madera Unified Staff, Students, and Families
Re: Travel Restrictions

This afternoon all Madera County school districts participated in a weekly conference call with Madera County Public Health Department (MCPHD) which is coordinating and supporting the needs of our schools regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19). The virus is being carefully tracked as it spreads across the world, state, and county lines. The response will continue to be based on the facts as they emerge and therefore plans will evolve with each passing day.

Madera County Public Health Department recommends limited travel restrictions to those counties that have multiple community transmissions of COVID-19. “Community transmission” is a term applied to those who contract the virus from unknown origins within the community. Therefore, in accord with MCPHD guidance, no student or staff trips will be offered by MUSD to those counties listed, effective immediately. These limited restrictions will apply to any group or team trips to or from listed counties.

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We will send an update when there are changes to the list based on new information from the California Department of Public Health. Please click here to access the most up to date information regarding counties impacted by community transmissions.

Although we have several other trips still planned, we have been advised not to cancel them and deny our students and staff the benefits. This cannot be guaranteed during these ever changing times, however. As more information becomes available to us, we will make timely decisions regarding the safety of student and staff travel.

As a reminder: The California Department of Public Health recommends the following steps to prevent the transmission of all respiratory viruses:

- Washing hands with soap and water.
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Staying away from work, school or other people if you become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough.

Madera Unified recently adopted a Community Compact that publicly states our desire for students to experience an unparalleled educational journey that is intellectually, socially, and personally transformative. We truly believe educational travel meets that standard and hope to lift this
restriction very soon. We are disappointed and understand our students and staff have often worked very hard, studied, planned, and even fundraised for some of these trips. Please accept our apologies and understand we are putting the health of our students, staff, and their families first.

We will continue to monitor this situation very closely and make needed changes and implement our plans with careful partnership with public health officials. The health and well being of our staff, students, and families is the top priority for us all. We believe that as a greater community, our values and resolve will prove up to these tests and we will work together to prove Madera is a special place to live, love, and learn. We will continue to share with our entire community the facts and research-based guidance as we receive updates from MCPHD and the California Department of Education.

Respectfully,

Todd Lile
Superintendent
Madera Unified School District