

March 11, 2020

Dear School Family,

In conjunction with the many steps that the school and church are currently taking, and after seeking counsel and guidance concerning travel for our students, we have made the decision **to stop all field trips indefinitely**. [North Carolina has declared a state of emergency](#) and the [World Health Organization recently declared the Covid-19 as "global pandemic."](#) This decision **does not currently affect sporting events or gatherings for school functions** as the likelihood of spreading in these typically indoor venues is currently minimal and they do not currently use public transportation.

There are obvious repercussions for making this decision but in light of the inherent dangers with traveling and the possible risk of exposure for our students, we believe that the benefits of these trips outside the school do not outweigh the risk. These risks include but are not limited to liability issues when using commercial travel and the possible exposure in public places that may not be as vigilant as necessary to prevent the spread of the virus. We will continue to monitor the situation and alert you to changes to this policy as new information becomes available.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and patience as we deal with this evolving situation.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jimmie L. Quesinberry, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'J' at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail at the end.

Jimmie Quesinberry, Ed.D.