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To All Staff:

Re: COVID-2019 and SCDHS Quarantines

Please allow this letter to inform you that the Suffolk County Department of Health Services (SCDHS) has adopted quarantine procedures related to students and staff who may have had contact with COVID-2019. Pursuant to these procedures, SCDHS is requiring any students or staff traveling to countries which have been designated level 2 or level 3 travel health risks because of COVID-2019 to be quarantined for up to fourteen days. As of the writing of this letter, those countries include: China, Iran, Italy, South Korea, and Japan. Given the continued spread of COVID-2019, the list of impacted countries can change at any time.

We urge you to avoid all travel to the above-referenced countries until these countries' travel health notices are downgraded below level 2. Please be aware that you are responsible for determining whether any travel plans you may have could result in a SCDHS quarantine obligation. In the event you have or intend to travel to an impacted country, please notify the building principal. While we urge you to avoid travel during this health crisis, please be aware that in the event SCDHS requires you to quarantine, the District has determined that such absences will qualify as an absence for which accrued sick leave time may be used.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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