

# CLARENCE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Clarence Central School District Families,

Based upon the guidance of the Erie County Health Commissioner, the Clarence Central School District is cancelling all school sponsored travel planned to destinations outside of Western New York due to concerns related to COVID-19. The ban on school-based travel applies to students and staff and will continue until further notice. Those teachers, coaches and advisors whose travel is impacted will be notified directly by their principal.

Additionally, effective immediately and until further notice, we are suspending all public Clarence School District gatherings that include more than 50 people. Gatherings within our schools that include only our students and staff, such as assemblies, professional learning, student government meetings, etc. will continue as normal. Examples of public gatherings of more than 50 people that will be suspended are concerts, public forums, and spectators attending sporting events.

The circumstances around this looming public health challenge change rapidly. We will take action in response to those circumstances, with the guidance of public health officials, in order to assure the safety of students, staff and visitors to our schools.

I will continue to communicate directly with families as events require.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey M. Hicks, Ed.D.

Superintendent