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Good Afternoon Grand Erie Families,

This is Brenda Blancher, Director of Education at the Grand Erie District School Board. I'm reaching out today to share with you a difficult decision we made as a result of COVID-19.

In light of the extended province-wide school closures and physical distancing guidelines related to COVID-19, we have decided to cancel all extracurricular activities, events and trips for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. The cancellations include all school trips, spring sporting events, tournaments and meets, graduations, proms, dances, athletic banquets, the DELF (Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française) and parent-focused activities.

I know this will be disappointing news for many of our students and families. We recognize these are special events that greatly enhance our students' experience in school and that much energy has already gone into their planning. As a board, however, we must do everything we can to ensure the safety and well-being of our students. This has been, and will continue to be, our highest priority as we all work to get through COVID-19 together.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding during this challenging and unprecedented situation.

Sincerely,

B. Blancher

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