

Dear Families,

We want to thank you for your tremendous interest in providing your students with the opportunity of travel. Even more so, I want to thank you for your patience as we've been watching and waiting to see what travel could look like for us in April.

Based on the information we know today, in addition to guidance from administration at Lake Central, per Dr. Veracco, we have decided to postpone our program. This is also based on information provided by our contacts at WorldStrides. They've been working closely with health and safety experts and local officials WorldStrides commitment to our safety and overall experience. We are excited to travel with those of you who can join us on **our new travel dates of October 28, 2021 – October 30, 2021** and we hope each student can travel on our new dates. It's going to be a great trip and we know we are all looking forward to it. These dates coincide with the trip we are planning for next year's 8th graders, so both groups will be going at the same time. We have thought it over and plan to try and separate the two groups based on chaperones, even though we will have the same itineraries. Example: Freshman will be rooming only with freshman and on their own bus, if applicable.

If your child is unable to join us, for those families who purchased the Full Refund Program, WorldStrides will honor the Full Refund Program. For those who did not purchase Full Refund Program, WorldStrides amended their policy and will be providing more generous refunds than the terms outlined in the standard cancelation policy (an adjustment of \$179.00 for just a small portion of WorldStrides' unrecoverable costs. Fees incurred are non-refundable). You can contact WorldStrides' Customer Support team at customerservice@worldstrides.org with our Trip ID and your Customer ID so they can process your cancellation. Please note your exact refund amount may vary depending on what you've paid in toward your trip cost. If you need additional clarification, you can reach out directly to WorldStrides' Customer Support at **800-468-5899**. Due to the high volume of refunds being processed, WorldStrides has asked for your understanding on timing. Families can expect to receive refunds in approximately 12 weeks. For those who are planning to travel, we want to share that the WorldStrides [Back to Travel Task Force](#) continues to work hard to establish guidelines around safe travel in this new COVID-19 world. From keeping an eye on the evolving standards in the travel and education industries, to taking important steps to update health and safety practices, we feel confident that we will be in great hands when we travel. As we prepare for our tour, feel free to check out their updated [Health and Safety protocols](#) as they evolve in the time leading up to travel.

We are excited our trip is moving forward, and I can't wait to travel and give your students the opportunity to visit our Nation's Capital!

Looking ahead to a great adventure,

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