

Office of the Superintendent

ELK ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

January 20, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian:

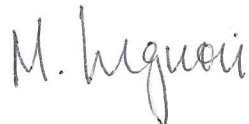
Your child is registered to go on a school field trip during spring break, 2016, and I am sure your family is excited about this opportunity, but also concerned given world events. Some school jurisdictions have cancelled all international field trips, because of acts of terrorism in Europe and the US. I have consulted with principals and other District leaders. None of them has advised that they think blanket cancellation of all field trips is appropriate at this time, and they advise that parents generally agree with this view.

We are monitoring Travel Canada's website regularly for new country alerts and changes in status for all countries where field trips are planned. At this time, I have decided that your child's field trip will go ahead as planned. **However, I must reserve the right to cancel any field trip at any time. Should I do so, the Division will not provide refunds. I also reserve the right to make changes to the itinerary of any field trip, or direct that a new destination be chosen. The safety of our students must be our first concern and priority.**

You as a parent have an independent right and responsibility to make the final determination as to whether your child will participate in any field trip. You have already consented to the field trip planned for 2016. **If you have changed your mind, please advise your principal as soon as possible. Otherwise, plans will go ahead as scheduled.**

If you have any questions about the planned field trip, please consult your principal.

Yours truly,



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