



March 12, 2020

Dear Erie 1 BOCES Families,

Based upon the guidance of the Erie County Health Commissioner, Erie 1 BOCES is cancelling all school sponsored travel planned to destinations outside of Western New York (Erie, Niagara, Orleans, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, and Allegany counties) due to concerns related to COVID-19. The ban on school-based travel applies to students and to staff, and will continue until further notice. Those whose travel is impacted will be notified directly by their supervisor.

Additionally, effective immediately and until further notice, we are suspending all public Erie 1 BOCES 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 events.

The circumstances around this looming public health challenge seem to change rapidly. We will take action according to those circumstances, with the guidance of public health officials, in an effort to assure the safety of everyone who learns, works and visits in our schools.

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

Sincerely,

*Lynn M. Fusco*

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