

Pablo Muñoz
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Students, Parents, and Staff:

The health and safety of our students and staff are a priority for the Passaic Public Schools. There has been significant discussion regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19), and I am writing to advise you of the additional steps the district is taking to ensure the safety of our students and staff, and to provide you with an update concerning changes to our guidelines for student and staff travel.

Out of an abundance of caution, the district will be following the guidance issued by the State of New Jersey to restrict business travel for State employees. As a school district, we are expanding this guidance to include, but not limited to, student field trips and employee conferences and meetings.

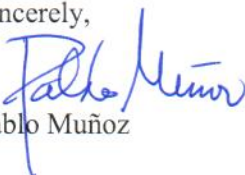
Therefore, effective immediately, Passaic Public Schools is suspending all out-of-state travel and restricting travel within New Jersey until further notice. All previously approved out-of-state travel is cancelled. In addition, I will review previously approved and new in-state travel requests on a case-by-case basis and decide whether attendance at the event is essential to the education of our students.

Passaic Public Schools continues to be in communication with the City of Passaic health officials to receive the most up-to-date local information. In addition, we continue to adhere to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the New Jersey Department of Health. For further information, the following links may be helpful, and all are available in English and Spanish:

- The Centers for Disease Control (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- The World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/q-a-coronaviruses>
- New Jersey Department of Health: <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>

If you or someone you know doesn't feel well, please contact your doctor or the school nurse. Please watch our district website (www.passaicschools.org), Facebook (@PassaicPublicSchools), and Twitter (@passaicschools) for updates. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students and staff safe and healthy.

Sincerely,



Pablo Muñoz