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To Whom It May Concern:

In the wake of the global coronavirus crisis, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has strongly urged all Illinois schools and school districts to re-evaluate any planned or anticipated travel.

Our number one priority is the health and safety of Illinois students, families, and educators. This global health crisis is evolving day-to-day. Illinois school and school district leaders may decide in the best interest of students and staff to cancel or postpone any non-essential travel in order to minimize any undue risk of exposure to the coronavirus. ISBE fully supports this decision. ISBE encourages Illinois schools and school districts to exercise an abundance of caution, given the unpredictable development of the ongoing and worldwide coronavirus pandemic.

ISBE thanks travel companies for their cooperation in appropriately issuing refunds or assisting with complimentary rebooking for Illinois' students, educators, and families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carmen I. Ayala".

Dr. Carmen I. Ayala
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