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RDCRS Board of Trustees cancels spring break international trips

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Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools Board of Trustees have cancelled École Secondaire Notre Dame High School and St. Joseph High School international trips that were to occur over March spring break.

École Secondaire Notre Dame High School had planned two trips. One group of students was to travel to Germany, Croatia and Spain, while the other group was travelling solely in Spain. St. Joseph High School students were to visit Central Europe (Germany, Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary). All trips were to occur during March 18 – 29.

The decision was based on developing information from Alberta Health Services and Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health. The Board of Trustees felt this decision was important as the top priority is the health and safety of students and staff.

“We recognize that this decision may be disappointing for students and their families that have been saving for a long time to attend these trips. However, student and staff safety is of utmost concern and we must take the direction of Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health who is not recommending international travel. The Board also considered whether families would lose the money they had put towards these trips. Our students and their families purchased travel insurance or provided their own, so we are confident that they will be able to recoup the

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majority of the cost,” said Board Chair, Anne Marie Watson at Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools.

The division will continue to make decisions based on information from the World Health Organization, Government of Canada, Alberta Health Services and the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 10,480 students in 21 schools in Red Deer, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, Blackfalds and Olds. It also supports the learning of over 600 students in a Home Education Program. The Division is committed to serving children and parents with a complete offering of learning opportunities delivered within the context of Catholic teachings and within the means of the Division.

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