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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

It is with great sadness that I announce the postponement of the 2020 Whale Watch. We are forced to postpone it due to the Coronavirus outbreak. We have worked with the travel agent to reschedule for next year in June. We would take the same trip just at a different time.

The teachers and I have been discussing what date would work best due to state testing at the 8th grade level. **The new dates for the 8th graders will be June 9th, 10th and 11th of 2021.** We have been working with the travel agent to ensure that everything transfers evenly. If for some reason you are unable to attend the whale watch on the new dates, you may be subject to loss of your deposit/money unless you have purchased travel insurance.

I know that this is not ideal, but we really felt this is the best option. Going in July or August did not seem to be the safest option, especially because we can't be sure that we will even be allowed to travel then. This is a trip that the kids look forward to and I do not want them to lose it. I feel it is important especially because some of them will never experience anything like this again.

The seventh graders next year will also be going but the week before the 8th grade trip. The two combined groups would be too large. We will keep the chaperones the same unless a parent can not take the trip on the new dates. If that occurs we will make a switch when necessary.

I hope you are all well and I wish that we didn't have to make this switch. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. You can reach me at my school email or call the school and leave a message. I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Thank you for all of your support,

Amy Leone
Middle School Principal
Letchworth Central School