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Dear Cate Families,

With just a few days left before wrapping up our winter trimester, we are mindful of the presence of the Coronavirus threat. We are thinking of all of our Cate families around the world and trusting that you are safe and secure and healthy. Certainly surety is elusive right now in the face of the virus' spread, but we are hopeful this will pass, and we are doing everything we can to keep our students and faculty safe.

In our last update we noted that Cate's capacity to manage or contain the coronavirus and protect the rest of the community should it somehow reach us is limited, and as a result, we are requesting that families not travel to an expanded list of impacted locations, now including South Korea and Japan, as well as China, Hong Kong, and Singapore. We reached out yesterday directly to those families impacted by this change, and in the last 24 hours the [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) has increased the warning level for travel to South Korea to Level 3 (Avoid Non-essential Travel) and for Japan to Level 2 (Practice Enhanced Precautions).

As we experienced during the Thomas Fire incident, the generosity and compassion of the Cate community is simply astounding. Many families have stepped forward to host students who are unable to return home this break, and right now we have everyone settled with a place to go. It is a heartening response from this community and further evidence that there is always plenty of light in the world, even amidst the tumult.

*Servons,*

Ben



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