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Dear FHS Families,

Recently we emailed the school community with an update regarding the cancellation of CIAC winter tournament events. This correspondence will serve as an update for additional events impacted by COVID-19. Last evening, central office administrators and town hall officials participated in a statewide conference call with Governor Lamont and state personnel to update community leaders on the status of COVID-19 in our state and to offer guidance for the immediate future. Recommendations from the governor included avoiding gatherings in excess of 100 people in concentrated locations for long periods of time to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Additionally, the governor issued recommendations for the limitation of travel. This morning we consulted with the Farmington Valley Health District who advised against large events at this time.

In response to this guidance, Farmington High School has made the difficult decision to cancel the upcoming performances of Cinderella at this time. We understand how disappointing this is for our students, teachers, families, and supporters of the drama program. Today, after school, school administrators, teachers, and school counselors met personally with our students who are participating in the school play. We are saddened by this sudden change of plans, empathize with their disappointment, and remain available to support them moving forward while celebrating their effort and representation of Farmington High School. We are in close contact with our theatrical team and have decided to create a recording of the FHS production of Cinderella this week during rehearsals. We will be authorizing refunds for all ticket sales. We remain open to the possibility of hosting the performance with a live audience at a later date if and when public health professionals deem it safe and appropriate.

As we close this message, we will echo a similar refrain, because it matters to us. The safety of our students and faculty has been, and will continue to be, our first priority. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to evaluate the evolving situation. While these events will challenge us, it is important to stay connected as one school, one community, one us. Thank you for your continued support of Farmington High School.

Sincerely,

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