March 10, 2020

Dear Conference Attendees, Parents, and Teachers,

With the ongoing spread of the novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19, a number of risk-mitigation policies have been implemented in consult with public health and emergency management experts. On Tuesday, March 10th, Cornell University announced a suite of updated strategies to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus on both on campus and in the surrounding Ithaca and Tompkins County communities. Unfortunately, in light of this announcement, we are deeply saddened that we will not be able to host our Expanding Your Horizons conference this year. We are incredibly grateful for the enthusiasm and support that EYH at Cornell receives every year from across the community, and hope you will appreciate the gravity with which this decision was made. We feel that it is important, however, to remember that in cases like this it is important to consider the well-being not only of our Conference organizers and attendees, but also of the extended and surrounding community, many of whom may be immunocompromised or otherwise at higher risk.

Given that Conference registration has already been completed, we will be issuing refunds of all fees over the coming weeks. We ask for your patience as we navigate this process. Please direct any questions or concerns to eyh@cornell.edu.

We very much hope to see you all happy and healthy for EYH in 2021.

Sincerely,

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