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To the SYA community,

In light of the growing coronavirus threat in China, I'd like to share a brief update on the status of current students at our Beijing campus. With their health and safety as our top priority, we have made the decision to have students leave China immediately and return to the US.

In the days ahead, we will continue to monitor the situation abroad, staying in close contact with affected students and families to consider options for navigating the remainder of the academic year. Our thoughts are also with our host families and local faculty throughout this crisis, as they are the essence of SYA China.

Thank you to all who have reached out to us in support during this uncertain time. In a sense, this experience is what SYA is all about—learning to navigate in a challenging world.

Should you require further information, you may contact SYA School Operations Administrator Samantha Gammons CN'01 at 978.725.6828 ext. 134.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom".

**Thomas E Hassan**

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