



January 15, 2021

Dear Heads and Fine Arts Directors,

At a meeting of the Fine Arts Steering Committee on Thursday, January 14th it was decided to cancel the Fine Arts Festival scheduled for April 7-9, 2022 at Greenhill School.

The Committee is comprised of Heads, CFO's, and Arts Directors from the three prior scheduled and two future host schools. Hosting an event with approximately 4000 students and adults requires considerable advance planning and significant commitment of human and financial resources. With the need to plan now and an uncertain future ahead of us (ongoing impact of the virus, vaccination timeline for students, etc.) the Committee arrived at the unanimous decision to cancel the Festival for 2022.

While arriving at this difficult decision, the Committee expressed two important points they wanted me to communicate with you:

- 1) Recognizing the value and impact of the Festival on participating students, it is the desire of all to return to a "normal" Fine Arts Festival experience in 2023.
- 2) We hope schools will hold the dates of April 7-9, 2022 and work to plan a singular or local mini-Festival to fit their needs. ISAS will work with Fine Arts Directors and the Steering Committee to pursue various options.

I know this decision is disappointing to all and is one more reminder that we are far from returning to "normal." Nonetheless, it is the prudent decision based upon the necessary logistics and current information available today.

Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Scott Griggs
Executive Director, ISAS