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Dear JA Partner:

Given the ever-evolving developments regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) we are suspending all JA student programs/experiences involving JA volunteer personal interactions with students until April 1, or such time that public health agencies determine that the spread of the virus through human interaction has subsided.

Factors leading to this declaration include:

- The health and wellbeing of our students, volunteers, educators and staff is Junior Achievement's top priority.
- The World Health Organization's (W.H.O.) recent classification of the coronavirus (COVID-19) as a global pandemic has heightened awareness of the seriousness of the situation and all have been asked to contribute to the stop of the spread of the virus.
- Guidance from WHO and the CDC is to promote "social distancing,"
- In recognition of the threat that the virus poses to their employees many national and local volunteer providers have already suspended the volunteer activities of their employees. Additionally, many schools are beginning to restrict the access of outside volunteers to classrooms. Given these trends, we believe it is important that our actions are respectful of the challenges facing both our education and our corporate partners.

In response to this crisis Junior Achievement USA is, among other things:

- Accelerating efforts to enable remote volunteer interactions with students through technology.
- So as not to leave our education partners without options we have suspended requirements to have a JA volunteer in the classroom.
- Promoting teacher led JA experiences where appropriate.
- Developing virtual content and activities for parents to interact with their students
- Exploring short-term virtual delivery of some JA resources.

These are certainly challenging times, and we sincerely appreciate the support of our education and corporate partners as we work toward finding innovative solutions to deliver our programming. JA's mission is critical, our organization is strong, and we will continue to impact the lives of millions of students in the future.

Thank you for your support and be well!

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