

# Denver Public Schools

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Dear Fifth Grade Families,

Unfortunately, we have decided to cancel Balarat. We have reached this decision after much thought and discussion among fifth grade teachers and school administration.

To be transparent, our top priority is student safety. In reviewing the overnight supervision plan for the Balarat trip, we found gaps that we could not account for. The inability to account for the gaps in overnight supervision ultimately informed our decision to cancel the trip.

Our 5th grade team is working to find alternatives to the Balarat experience. Although we have not landed on a replacement experience yet, we will continue to look into activities that will further enrich our 5th grade students' final year at Samuels.

Please accept our apology for canceling Balarat. This was not a decision that was made lightly, and we regret that our students will not be part of such a tremendous experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cesar Rivera".

Cesar Rivera  
Principal

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