Over the past few weeks we have been working with the statewide Youth & Government (Y&G) office to work out the logistics of moving our annual Training & Elections I conference (T&E I) from its traditional home at Camp Roberts, to the International Agricultural Center in Tulare, CA.

Yesterday we found out that Y&G is shortening T&E I to be a single day event. This decision was in response to parent and YMCA concern about the suitability of the sleeping accommodations. We have been in close communication with the Y&G office and feel very confident on our combined ability to create a fantastic event for your students.

Though our day may be very long, Y&G is providing accommodations for our drivers to sleep in nearby hotel rooms, allowing them to safely drive us home when the event ends. We will still be able to provide all of the major functions of T&E I to our delegates including a full election process and an opportunity to learn about all of the available roles inside of the Y&G program.

Y&G has not yet been able to provide information about any changes (if any) to the cost structure as they are in process of renegotiating their contracts for this new event. They have assured us that their costs will not decrease in proportion to the length of the event and any potential discounts will be modest at best. They have promised transparency in their accounting and we, as a fellow YMCA, have tremendous faith in their organization.