



SUSQUENITA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Susquenita Families:

As was shared in yesterday's communication, it is with preemptive measures in mind, that the District would be reviewing all school related field trips, extra-curricular trips, and athletics/arts events on a case-by-case basis. Based on the release of some of the most recent information regarding COVID-19, we have reached the conclusion that a prudent first step is to cancel select, mainly out of state, field trips at this point. Accordingly, the following field trips are being cancelled. Obviously, if conditions improve and time permits for the rescheduling of any of these trips or activities we will consider doing so.

- **SHS Florida Trip (Music)** – There could be some financial loss associated with this trip being cancelled. Parents had the option of buying trip insurance but whole group insurance was not purchased.
- **SHS Philadelphia Trip** (Spanish Club) – No financial loss is anticipated.
- **SHS New York Food Trip** (Family Consumer Science) – There will be no financial loss because tickets have not been purchased yet.
- **SHS/SMS Broadway Show Trip** – We anticipate some financial ramifications though all payment has not yet been submitted. By cancelling now, we are avoiding having to commit an additional \$7000 in outstanding payments.
 - Payments already made:
 - Wolf's Bus Lines: \$300.00 – deposit
 - Broadway groups:
 - Planet Hollywood: \$1444.50 – fully paid
 - Broadway Classroom: \$990.00 – fully paid
 - Aladdin tickets: \$1350.00 – deposit only
 - Dear Evan Hansen: \$5422.50 – fully paid
- **Annual Computer Club trip to Philadelphia** – There is a minimal \$77.00 anticipated loss at this time.
- **Sr. Class Trip** (Six Flags, Maryland) - No financial loss is anticipated.

Please know that the District will work closely and cooperatively with trip advisors as attempts are made to seek reimbursement of previously committed funds. We've asked that an accurate accounting of all funds be maintained in the event that any Federal or State money would be allocated in the future to help offset the financial loss associated with COVID-19. I thank everyone in advance for your patience and understanding as we work through this current challenge and related decision making. The health and safety of our community is a shared responsibility, and one that we take very seriously.

Additional Information related to athletics:

PIAA Board of Directors decided this morning by a unanimous vote to suspend the PIAA basketball and AA boys' and girls' swimming and diving championships for minimally a two-week period. The AAA swimming and diving championships at Bucknell University have been truncated with limited spectators and will conclude at the end of today's mid-afternoon diving session. The Board of Directors, in consultation with various health departments, believes this action is in the best interest of our member schools, their student-athletes, sports officials, and the general public.

Again, we just wanted to pass along to you right away.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kent R. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kent" and last name "Smith" clearly legible, and "R." in the middle.

Kent R. Smith.
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