

DC Students & Parents

Please read thoroughly:

At this time, I am starting the procedure to **postpone** the event for the DC trip.

### **WHY**

At this time multiple sites and events have been closed in the D.C. area with no guidance of when they will be open. Almost all of them dealt with where we were going are closed. If we think it may be open up by April 5<sup>th</sup> – we don't know. If we wait until the last day or minute to decide, and we cannot attend, it is more than likely we will forfeit all the money that had to be paid for the events. The direction does not look bright either for everything that to be open for us to attend will occur. So the chances of events being open by April 5<sup>th</sup> does not look good.

### **What does Postpone mean?**

That means we will look into other date(s) for the trip. All options are open, but I don't want to book anything quite yet until we know some sort of timeline of when things get back to normal here and in D.C. We can look at the summer, fall, or spring of next year. We may look at going with the class below you, but I am not sure if 60 people or more will work or not based on flights, tickets, timing, etc.... We may take each group separately on two separate weeks. We shall soon see. Those are things we will look to sort out by May if possible. If you have any thoughts on this, please share.

### **Do I have to raise more money now for next year?**

I hope not. Looking to get refunds on everything from the events and business and airlines. Some businesses say they will use our deposit on tickets and hotels for our next trip. Some have said they will refund. Will sort that out as soon as all of the businesses respond back. When this is done I will let you know.

### **What if I don't want to go next year – do I get my money back?**

That answer will be that it will depend on the following scenarios:

- If you paid cash out of your own pocket (we keep track), I do feel comfortable returning money that was paid out of your own pocket.
- If you raised money such as fundraisers in the name of the D.C. trip, I don't feel comfortable returning any money to individuals. They will still keep that money into their account.

### **What if I didn't have enough money yet?**

This will help you out. You will now get more time to fundraise for this event. But remember, next years Juniors will be involved in fundraising opportunities.

### **Are we going to have a meeting?**

Not if it is not necessary. Right now, I don't think it will work right now either. Feel free to call or e-mail me on questions you might have at anytime.

### **What do I do Now?**

There is not much you can do. Just sit back, relax and say to yourself that I will get the enjoy the trip when I am one year older, will be a more mature adult, and will know the workings of D.C even better after I take Government class next year!

Hope to see you soon in the halls of the high school!!

Stay safe and virus free

Mr. Carlson