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Dear SWHS Families,

By now I hope families have had the opportunity to read Dr. Carter's most recent communication sent on Tuesday, March 10 regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19). The purpose of this communication is to share how South Windsor High School will align with the procedures outlined in our Superintendent's message to families. As Dr. Carter shared, the Connecticut State Department of Education recommended that school districts consider canceling activities that would result in 100 or more attendees (athletic events, plays, concerts, field trips). Dr Carter also consulted with the local health department and advised the following actions be taken:

- "All activities of 100 or more people between now and the close of April break (Friday, April 17) will be postponed or cancelled. We will reassess this practice after April break. The cancellation of specific events will be communicated to you by your school principal.
- All field trips scheduled between now and the close of April break are cancelled. We will also reassess this practice after April break.
- Additionally, we were informed...that the CIAC has made the decision to cancel all remaining CIAC winter tournament games. Further details regarding athletic events (practices and games) will be communicated to you directly by your school principal."

As a result of this information, all SWHS field trips up until (and including) April 17th have been CANCELLED. Please consult the second page of this communication for a list of additional events which have been CANCELLED. There may be additional events which are postponed or cancelled and this information will be communicated by the organizers of those events and/or in a future communication to families.

I echo Dr. Carter's sentiment that this is extremely disappointing information for students and families to hear regarding culminating events in the form of competitions, performances, and/or field trips. I ask that we work to together to support our students as they will understandably be disappointed upon receipt of this news.

I recognize that this may spark further questions regarding other activities such as clubs which meet after school and the upcoming spring sports season. Clubs and/or other extracurricular activities may continue to run as normal. Extra help for academics scheduled by teachers with students may continue as normal. Regarding the upcoming spring sports season (including tryouts, practices, and contests), more information about this will be provided in a future communication as we learn more information.

As has been emphasized by the CDC, I strongly recommend that staff, students, and families exercise the following preventative actions on a regular basis:

- Frequent and thorough hand-washing for at least 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, and then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Thank you for understanding the fluid nature of this situation. We will update families as further information, guidance, and/or actions become necessary.

Sincerely,

Frank Rizzuto

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South Windsor High School Cancelled (Or Postponed) Events

- Cabaret Music Concert (originally scheduled for March 12)
- Unified Basketball Game (originally scheduled for March 17)
- Jazz/Percussion Concert (originally scheduled for March 17)
- Relieve the Stress Fest (originally scheduled for March 19)
- New England Musical Festival Association Festival (originally scheduled for Mar 19 – 21)
- World Language Honor Society Induction (originally scheduled for March 31)
- TILE Talk (originally scheduled for April 2)
- All-State Music Festival (originally scheduled for April 2-4)
- It Takes One Program (originally scheduled for April 2)
- Spring Play (originally scheduled for April 3)
- Volleyball Marathon (originally scheduled for April 3)
- Robotics State Competition (originally scheduled for April 3-5)
- Science Olympiad State-Wide Competition (originally scheduled for April 4)
- Robotics New England Competition (originally scheduled for April 8-11)
- Ensembles Field Trip to Virginia Beach (originally scheduled for April 16-19)

Regarding the cancelled events listed above, feel free to reach out directly to a program director, event organizer, club advisor, or any member of the high school administrative team if you have any questions.