

State Convention Cancellation Notice

Thursday – March 12, 2020 8:10 am

The 94th North Carolina Association of Student Councils State Convention scheduled for March 13-14-15, 2020 at Southern Alamance High School is **CANCELLED**.

We are very disappointed that this decision had to be made, but it is the right decision for many reasons. The continuing and rapid spread of the Coronavirus and the numerous unknowns related to it have overnight impacted nearly every facet of our lives. Yesterday unprecedented and unimaginable decisions due to this pandemic were made by organizations and businesses much larger than NCASC. As leaders sometimes we have to make hard, difficult decisions with our heads while our hearts are desperately tugging at us to do otherwise. This is one of those times. As the day went on yesterday it became clearer and more evident that our Plan B, (a condensed one-day convention), was just not going to work. There were just too many obstacles and risks to overcome, thus the decision to cancel had to be made.

Our priority today, Thursday – March 12, is to complete a multitude of tasks with our President School, Southern Alamance, to contact speakers, program guests, caterers, the banquet venue, etc. We request your patience as we work through these issues which must be done today and Friday.

We know you have questions, e.g., what will we do about elections, will we get a refund, did we make Honor Council...? **Advisors will be notified when our plan for moving forward is finalized. Please be patient!**

ADVISORS: It is very important that ASAP this morning you cancel any hotel reservations you have made for Friday and Saturday nights.

Again, we know everyone is disappointed that the convention is cancelled, but no one is more saddened or heartbroken by this decision than is our President School, student representative **Zach Clemmons**, advisor **Teri Rasa**, the Southern Alamance administration, faculty, student body, and student council, as well as the Alamance-Burlington School System that provided outstanding support, resources, and encouragement for two years as a weekend of **Premiere Leadership** was planned just for you. They have earned a special place in the history of the NCASC. We are greatly indebted to them for the hours and hours of planning, work, sweat, and love that they have given in service to NCASC. Their spotlight will **always** shine bright!

Some days are like this, even in Australia, but we know happier trails are ahead!