Friday, March 13, 2020

Dear NCTSA Advisors,

The North Carolina TSA State Conference scheduled for March 26-28, 2020 is canceled.

As you now know, Governor Roy Cooper issued a state of emergency earlier this week due to the coronavirus. Many districts in our state have or are in the process of restricting travel or transitioning to online instruction for all students, potentially for the remainder of the school year.

Due to the number of schools that have already made the call to restrict travel, we will not have the personnel to administer competitive performance events or the personnel to conduct the conference. The NC TSA leadership team is in the process of contacting all connected to the conference in various capacities to announce this cancellation.

North Carolina TSA is a non-profit Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) that serves over 9,500 student members and planned to host its largest state conference this year. Even though substantial expenses and time have already been invested to plan and contract for an event of this size, North Carolina TSA will refund conference registration fees. North Carolina TSA policy states that chapters may receive up to a 50% refund if the conference is canceled. This includes pending registration invoices. Chapter advisors may request a state conference registration refund for their school chapter by clicking here.

We will be handling 2020-2021 North Carolina TSA State Officer elections virtually in the upcoming weeks and continuing to collect money for the American Cancer Society. State advisor approved event entries for the TSA National Conference will be vetted by
the State Leadership Team beginning May 1. We ask for patience as we refund conference registrations and disseminate items purchased, state conference pins and recognitions earned.

The Sheraton Greensboro has indicated there will be no penalty for canceling hotel room reservations. Please contact the hotel directly to do so, 336-292-9161 or egarland@sheratongreensboro.com.

This has been a hard year for North Carolina TSA. Attendance at both regional conferences was impacted by weather. It is with heavy hearts that this decision was reached. We are deeply disappointed for our state officer team, our student members as a whole, our Senior Class and Eighth Graders, however safety is our primary concern.

Thank you for all you do for North Carolina TSA and its student members each and every day!

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