



DAVIS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear DHS Family,

I am writing to provide you with information about the DHS Jazz Band class. You might be aware that Mr. Slabaugh is experiencing a prolonged absence. He is in daily contact with his substitute teacher, Ms. Bonnell, who has experience with instrumental music instruction. She has been observing Mr. Slabaugh this year, so the transition has been a smooth one. I met with Ms. Bonnell on Tuesday to let her know of my support and to observe her instructing our Jazz Band.

I know our students have been rehearsing in preparation for future performances. Unfortunately, the trip to the Reno Jazz Festival has been cancelled. We were unable to secure a qualified District employee to serve as lead chaperone and band director. In addition, the District has a field trip approval process that teachers must follow for important safety and legal reasons. This process requires that documents be submitted and a qualified chaperone be in place for review by the Superintendent and Board of Education. I met with Jazz Band members on Tuesday to inform them of the cancellation. I know this missed opportunity is disappointing to our students.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tom McHale, Principal