

March 23, 2020  
Virginia Trip Update

Hello, all,

We wanted to offer another update on the Music Trip to Virginia Trip and hopefully clear up any confusion regarding the trip and the options that your families have at this time.

The health and well being of the students and their families is our top priority within the music department and within the Mendon Upton School District. The decision to go on the trip in June will be made in collaboration with the district administration and local board of health.

We have spoken with all of the vendors and they are all offering full refunds which means that in the event that our trip is cancelled, families will be receiving the total amount paid from personal checks throughout the year.

The music boosters will be starting the process of creating refund checks to families over the next few weeks, so that in the event that the trip becomes officially cancelled, they will be ready to go and mailed out as soon as possible. (Any money paid for the trip will be refunded, the boosters will not be holding any money for future trips apart from student fundraising efforts).

If a family has chosen not to participate in the June trip and requires a reimbursement as soon as possible, please contact Mr. Harding or Ms. Simmonds and we will work with the boosters to get the funds back to you as soon as possible, given the circumstances.

We realize that there is a lot of uncertainty in the world at this time and it is very difficult to make decisions about the future, but we also know that families need to make decisions that are best for them. Our goal in the department is to give our music students something to look forward to at a time where everything they are used to has been turned upside down, but we also understand that families may need peace of mind along with financial support right now and that the money spent on the Virginia Trip could improve the current situation. We encourage you to have a conversation with your child and do what is best for your family. Please don't hesitate to email with any questions or concerns.

Best Wishes,  
Mr. Harding and Ms. Simmonds