From California State Thespian Festival dated 3/12/20

Dear State Thespian troupe directors, supporters and friends,

In light of the current developments of COVID-19 within the State of California and its impact on schools, travel, and gatherings, our venue, the Upland Unified School District, in correlation with the directive from the County of San Bernardino, has made the difficult decision to cancel this year's State Thespian Conference. We were notified moments ago and wanted to share this update with you so you can begin notifying your students.

Please reassure students who were planning on participating in Thespys™ (formerly called Individual Events) at the California State Thespian Festival that they may still participate in the Thespy™ Program at the International Thespian Festival (ITF). The chapter qualification requirement will be waived for this year only and apply only to chapters that canceled or postponed their event due to COVID-19.

The California State Thespian Board remains committed to our mission in honoring and serving our members and students. The Executive Board is meeting this weekend and more information will be forthcoming, by the end of next week, regarding refunds, t-shirts, STO elections, scholarships, and other specifics.

We realize that you will have many more questions. Rest assured that we are working through these complex issues in partnership with EdTA and will promptly provide updates as information becomes available.

Again, we are so disappointed to not share our state festival with you and appreciate your support and patience as we work out the details in the upcoming weeks.

Stacy Castiglione, Michele Richardson, and the CA State Thespian Board