



# North Olmsted City Schools

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Dr. Michael E. Zalar, Superintendent

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Dear High School Marching Band Parents,

As news and information about COVID-19 continues to develop, the district remains committed to making decisions and plans that are in the best interest of our students and community. As a district we continue to stay up to date on travel recommendations set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as orders made by Governor Mike DeWine.

Currently, Walt Disney World has closed the park through the end of March. While it is unknown what will happen after that date, the district has decided to be proactive and cancel the NOHS Marching Band's trip to Walt Disney World that was scheduled to take place during Spring Break. We understand these cancellations come as disappointments to our students looking forward to the trip.

The district also recognizes the financial impact this decision has on our families. We will work with the North Olmsted Band and Orchestra Boosters to determine the possibility of refunds from the travel companies. As a district, cancelling a trip of this magnitude is not an easy decision to make, but with recent events we feel this is necessary to help protect our school community and minimize the risk associated with COVID-19.

To stay up to date on all information and updates surrounding COVID-19 we encourage families to visit our district website. ***A specific page has been created on our district website and includes all district updates and resources/information about COVID-19.*** This page will be updated on a daily basis.

Please understand the health and safety of our North Olmsted Community is of the utmost importance – and is what drives our decisions as we work to keep everyone safe. Issues surrounding COVID-19 are rapidly changing. We will continue to provide additional updates and information as it becomes available. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this time.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Zalar, Ph.D.  
Superintendent