



Dear Hawkers Make History Patrons-

In light of recent developments related to the COVID-19 outbreak, we deeply regret to inform you that the Bozeman High School Speech and Debate team has decided to cancel the Hawkers Make History event for this year. Please know this decision was not made easily, but with great care for the well-being of our community.

We have made the difficult decision to cancel - rather than indefinitely postpone - the event for many reasons. Rehearsing and preparing for the show will be challenging (if not impossible) given the new distance learning protocol that is being rolled out and would have been counter to current social distancing recommendations.

As a supporter of the Hawkers, you likely know that Hawkers Make History (aka Meet the Hawkers) is the primary annual fundraiser for our team. Without your continued commitment, the team cannot travel to tournaments, attend Nationals (which is currently still scheduled for June 2020), or purchase necessary equipment.

If you would like to convert the value of your ticket purchase into a tax-deductible donation to the Hawkers, the money will be used to fund Speech & Debate in exactly the same manner as we have done in previous years as detailed above. The Hawkers Make History ticket sales and the auction at the event typically fund the majority of our Nationals travel expenses and the Fall budget. Without this source of funding, we will likely need to make some changes in the program. This includes support we anticipated offering as Bozeman opens its second high school in the 2020-2021 school year.

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In good faith, we are offering full refunds to all Hawkers Make History ticket patrons. If you would like a ticket refund, please send your request to: [danamahoney@outlook.com](mailto:danamahoney@outlook.com). Ticket refunds will be processed as we receive them. Please be patient with this process.

Even though we have had to change plans for this year, we are 100% committed to the amazing students, teachers and community volunteers that are the backbone of this team! Next year, we look forward to a better-than-ever Hawkers Make History, where we can celebrate the talents of all our Speech and Debate Students and enjoy seeing each other face-to-face.

With Gratitude,

The Hawker Parent Group & Adam Thane, Head Coach

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