

To the membership of the TSSBDA,

I am writing to you to make some major announcements about the TSSBDA events for 2021, primarily Junior Clinic and Senior Clinic. We had great hope in the close of the 2020 school year that COVID would be firmly under control, and that life might hopefully resume some type of normalcy by our event dates in 2021. Unfortunately, those hopes were too optimistic. We have all, as a membership, lost so much to these circumstances that are truly beyond most of our control. We have lost spring concerts, senior trips, normal graduations, summer vacations, close visits with cherished friends and family, and any sense of normalcy to what should have been a normal school year. For that, I am truly sorry.

Due to the recent spike in the pandemic, and the lack of a timely vaccine to combat it, the board of the TSSBDA has taken a hard look at our events for January and February. With our sister organizations also reaching the same conclusions, we are going to cancel our Junior and Senior clinics for 2021. As of now, our concert festival is possibly viable, but also dependent upon COVID factors.

Our plans, as of right now, are to offer our chosen clinicians the opportunity to return for the events in 2022. Let us plan on having a virtual meeting on the weekend of February 27th at 2:00 P.M. to hash out any last details for the year. Also, at that meeting, we will need to nominate a person for President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and Member at Large. At that meeting, I will also be presenting our nominee to our Hall of Fame. I will be moving to Past President and Kevin can resume a normal life. Cole Hunt will be moving into the role of President for the next two years. Let us use this Google Meet Link to access that meeting. (<https://meet.google.com/lookup/hcloqiew4o?authuser=0&hs=179>) You can click on the link to watch the video feed, and participate in the meeting if you have a camera on your device. You can use a computer, or a cell phone that has the Google Meet App.

Until that time, please stay safe and healthy. Find a way to reconnect with family and friends during these holiday seasons, and enjoy some rest.

I will see you virtually on February 27th.

Cordially,

Christopher Lee Metcalfe

TSSBDA President