

March 10, 2020

Dear Sponsors,

Out of an abundance of caution, the State Chairs regret to inform you that we have concluded the best course of action would be to cancel the 2020 OJCL Convention due to the concerns of COVID-19.

We recognize all the hard work that students and teachers have put into preparing for this event and share in their disappointment in the cancellation. This decision was made after consultation with our contacts at the Crowne Plaza, the Ohio Department of Health, a pediatric emergency room doctor, and Mr. Sherwin Little. We feel this is in the best interest of students, teachers, chaperones, and the OJCL as an organization.

The Crowne Plaza is working with us to provide partial to full refunds for schools, in order to do so ALL schools registered to attend MUST submit a letter from their Superintendent or Headmaster of School stating that students are not permitted to travel. This letter should be addressed to both myself and Ms. Cindy Anderson. The school official may either send this letter directly to me ([inderhees@wellington.org](mailto:inderhees@wellington.org)) or may send it to the sponsor who may forward it to me. Schools which do not provide said letter will not be eligible for refunds.

Please be on the look-out for more information regarding how we will proceed with officer elections. The State Chairs will also be discussing if and how any contests may take place but have no further information at this time. We ask that you focus your attention on obtaining and submitting the requested letter as soon as possible but no later than Tuesday, March 17.

Sincerely,  
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