Dear TSJCL Sponsors,

Out of abundance of caution and with the declaration of health emergency by Houston's Mayor Turner, the State Chairs have concluded that cancelling the 2020 TSJCL Convention due to the concerns of COVID-19 would be the best course of action.

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. The decision to cancel this event was not made lightly. The state chairs have been in constant communication and discussion since last week and have been monitoring the situation carefully. As the press conference by the mayor of Houston unfolded today, we feel that this decision is in the best interest of students, teachers, chaperones, and the TSJCL as an organization.

Please know that if payments have already been made or submitted, TSJCL is prepared to refund all costs associated with the convention (registration, food, etc.), except for the processing fee assessed by Stripe if payment was made by using the online credit card option. The fee is assessed by Stripe, NOT TSJCL, and cannot be recovered by the organization. We apologize for this inconvenience.

We want to take this time to recognize all the hard work put in by this year's TSJCL student officers in the organization of this event. The amount of time they spent and the dedication they have for TSJCL and the Classics are second to none. They should be applauded for all that they have done, even though we had to make the painful decision to cancel this year's state convention.

The State Chairs are also discussing if and how any contests may take place but have made no final decisions at this time. Additionally, the State Chairs in conjunction with the Board will come up with a plan for student officer and State Chair elections to take place so that a new board will be in place. We will disseminate additional information via all TSJCL social media outlets and the TCA Listserv as soon as possible.

Thank you,
TSJCL State Co-Chairs