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Dear VSCA Convention registrants:

Due to the intensifying developments that have occurred over the past week regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) and in deference to protect the health and safety of students and advisors, VASSP has decided to cancel the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Virginia Student Councils Association Leadership Convention, March 13-15, 2020. Hotel room reservations at The Founders Inn and Delta Hotel by Marriott have been officially canceled. For convention registrants with reservations at these properties, there is no need to individually call and cancel your room reservations. Information about convention registration fees paid for this event will be forthcoming.

To all our registered attendees and members, we want to thank you for your patience as we observed the ever-evolving situation and tried to make the best decision in the interest of your health and safety. Ultimately, continuing with the convention became logistically untenable as several school boards enacted restrictions legally prohibiting students and employees from nonessential travel.

The Virginia Student Councils Association is a source of great pride for our organization. It is the preeminent, annual opportunity for student leaders to hone their leadership skills, learn parliamentary procedures, and practice the democratic process by electing state office holders. We regret that we will not have the opportunity to provide this leadership learning opportunity this spring, but we are making plans for the statewide election of candidate-schools for offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Regional Representative. Expect us to follow-up in the coming days about alternative virtual elections.

Please contact VSCA Director Andrea Vail, [avail@scaleader.org](mailto:avail@scaleader.org), or VSCA State Convention Coordinator Jeff Schutte, [jschutte@scaleader.org](mailto:jschutte@scaleader.org) with any immediate questions about the convention cancellation and stand by for more information coming soon.

Virginia's students, educators, school leaders, and all their families are in our thoughts as we grapple with the spread of the coronavirus. We will continue to monitor the situation for our events beyond March. The safety of every single student and educator across the Commonwealth continues to be our top priority, and VASSP will make decisions based on the best information available.

Sincerely,

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