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Dear South-Doyle Band Families,

I want to inform you of some developments since my last update. First and foremost, I want you to be aware that I have decided to change the show theme for this season. I intended to move forward with the competitive show Mr. Taylor had begun planning before he retired. However, I now believe that a competitive show is not appropriate given the considerable cost, the limited instructional time that we may have, and the uncertainty of our competitive season. I have settled on a show theme that I believe is more achievable given the challenges and circumstances we may face this year. I firmly believe it is a show that both the students and the home crowd will thoroughly enjoy! I plan to make an official show announcement on the Facebook page and the band website by the end of the week.

In my last update, I mentioned the possibility of holding a virtual band camp before school starts. Please understand that this is quite tentative. It is a new concept for many of the band directors in the county and we are meeting again this evening to discuss this very subject. I realize that some students utilize school-owned instruments so please stay posted for more information regarding an instrument pick up date. The virtual band camp would consist of several modules hosted within Canvas that students can work through at their own pace. The modules may include but are not limited to marching fundamentals, reading drill, and practice strategies for music. Virtual sectionals may also be scheduled via Microsoft Teams.

Lastly, as of July 22nd, TSSAA announced a fall sports contingency plan. I will be in contact with the SDHS administration and our AD to discuss the regulations and determine how they will affect band. If you would like to read the contingency plan, you can find it linked below:

<https://cms-files.tssaa.org/documents/tssaa/2020/COVID-19-Sports-Regulations-and-Rules-Modifications.pdf>.

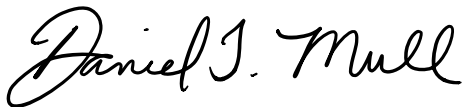
As of today, July 28th, Governor Lee has announced that he will sign an executive order to allow contact sports to resume. With this being said, it is still unclear when the first football game will be. I will continue to follow this situation as it develops and will relay information as it is made available.

Moving forward, here are some important reminders that need your immediate attention:

- If you have not done so already, please complete the Marching Band Interest Form that was emailed to you by Mr. Davidson on July 13th. **Even if you have signed up for the Virtual School option but are still participating in marching band, I still need you to complete the form.** If you have not yet completed the form, **please do so ASAP** by clicking the following link: <https://forms.gle/h57a2vW7x838XDzr9>. I need to make sure that I have an accurate roster so that the correct instrumentation can be sent to our drill writer.
- **Also, if you are a student that rents an instrument through a local music retailer, I would begin the process of procuring your rental.**

I understand that for many of you I am still just a name attached to these updates. I look forward to the opportunity of meeting you all in person. While I am new to this position and have not yet established a relationship with many of you, please understand that I am here for you. I will gladly help or assist in any way that I can. Again, thank you all for your support. Stay South-Doyle Strong!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel I. Mull". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'D' at the beginning.

Daniel I. Mull