

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In the spirit of keeping the lines of communication open, we want to provide you with additional information regarding our Washington D.C. trip changes.

Late Friday afternoon, the District received an email from Discovery Tours indicating that the company has “suspended its operations immediately.” The email further stated that “all future trips are cancelled.” This suspension affected our District as well as several other school districts across the state – some of which were scheduled for tours this month. In our situation, the District had already canceled its contract with Discovery Tours on May 2, 2018.

The District’s proactive steps to cancel its contract with Discovery Tours triggered a contractual obligation for Discovery Tours to provide parents with full refunds within four weeks. Unfortunately, yesterday afternoon, Discovery Tours Inc. filed for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy in the Northern District of Ohio (Bankruptcy Petition #: 18-12734, assigned to Judge Jessica Price Smith). Due to this revelation, the District strongly urges parents who already made a payment to Discovery Tours to immediately dispute that payment with their credit card company and/or financial institution. Each credit card company and/or financial institution will have a different process and criteria for disputing a payment, but the information set forth in this email should help. If your credit card company and/or financial institution requires additional documentation, please contact the District, and we will provide you with any documentation at our disposal. In the meantime, the District is working diligently with its legal counsel to explore other options available to the District and its parents given this frustrating turn of events.

We are meeting with several different tour companies this week to secure new trip options as soon as possible. We know this is a difficult time, and we are committed to delivering information as we finalize new details. We will keep you updated as we learn more.

Sincerely,

Dawn Sayre
Director of Middle Level Curriculum