

JCC Parents, Students, and Community:

I hope you are staying well during this challenging time. This letter is an extremely difficult one to share, but I am writing to let you know that we have made the decision to cancel the JCC Spring Musical. The combination of uncertainties, extra financial costs, and possible risk to the health and safety of our students, staff, and district families are all factors that weighed heavily into the decision.

As we monitored the COVID-19 pandemic over the last several months, we considered all possible avenues for continuing with rehearsals and the performance while prioritizing the safety of our artists and patrons. It has become clear that this year, we will be unable to make a traditional musical work due to the complexities of staging, choreography, cast size, viral aerosol emissions, and financial costs. This unfortunate cancellation is necessitated by our ultimate goal to ensure that the JCC Performing Arts Community continues to inspire audiences and artists for generations to come.

While we are unable to safely put on a live musical for the public this year, we encourage any student in grades 9-12 who is interested in performing a solo or small group from their favorite musical to contact Ms. Jirele. We plan to showcase these performances virtually in April for the community to enjoy in place of the traditional JCC Spring Musical. This may be an opportunity for musicians to express themselves through their favorite musical number and Broadway characters. Specific information regarding date, time, and location will follow at a later date as all plans are subject to change.

You are essential to the success of the JCC Performing Arts Center. Thank you and know that your JCC Drama Community is thinking of all of you during this difficult time. We look forward to reuniting with you safely in the 2021-2022 season. Until then, please stay well.

With deepest gratitude,

Emma Jirele
JCC Choir Director