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Dear RHSEU Student Supporters,

Merry Christmas to everyone. During this joyous time of year, I hate being the bearer of negative news.

As you know we recently transitioned to Blue Devils Bingo in Suisun. This move was made based on several factors. One of those was that the location was more convenient for our parents and supporters. Another key factor was the hours. Instead of having to work from around 8 pm until 1:30 or 2 am the latest shift would end at 10 or 10:30pm on Saturday.

With these changes we were off to a great start even though it was Fall Season. The Sunday sessions seemed to be a great alternative for those that preferred working an earlier shift.

All of these changes have not yielded the desired results. Over the past several weeks we have not been fully staffing our Saturday or Sunday shifts. We have had a few parents that have done yeoman's work in trying to fill the slots but they can't do it all.

Due to our lack of filling the slots we committed to Blue Devils have had to have their employees fill the slots. That costs them but of more of a concern to me is that the funds our program is losing.

My conversations with the Blue Devils they have asked that if we cannot staff the bingo that we notify them and they will hire staff to fill our positions.

What does this mean to the program, to you, and your student? An example of the impact will be an increase in the fair share for each discipline. I am estimating that for Winter Season alone their will need to be an increase of approximately \$200 per student. I'm in the process of finalizing the budget with Mr. Miller.

The impact goes beyond fair share. All of the extra things that the program needs to continue to be an award-winning organization will suffer. That impacts every student in the program.

IF WE COULD GET EVERY FAMILY TO WORK A MINIMUM OF 5 SHIFTS PER YEAR WE COULD STAFF BINGO AND THE POTENTIAL NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE PROGRAM AND STUDENTS WOULD BE ELIMINATED.

Time is running out. I have maybe two or three weeks to see if we can get this turned around. If not, we will lose an extremely important source of funding.

Thank you for all of your support and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas.

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