

Dear Southmoreland Students and Parents,

Governor Wolf's restrictions on the number of spectators has greatly impacted our district's ability to open sporting events to our students and parents. The limitation of 250 people allowed to enter a sporting event, such as football, barely covers the participants and the ancillary staff needed to operate the event. Our district believes we should be student-centered which allows our students the ability to participate in the activities they love and have devoted countless hours of hard work and dedication during their school careers. We also believe that parents should be an integral part of their children's lives and should have the opportunity to watch their children participate in the activities they have chosen. House Bill 2787 will provide for districts to allow greater attendance levels for all stakeholders in these important events. Until the bill is either passed by Governor Wolf, or it passes due to the bill sitting on the governor's desk for 10 days, we believe the plan listed below allows for the greatest student and parent participation in our events. Please keep in mind we are very hopeful House Bill 2787 will be passed in the near future. This is also dependent on everyone working together.

The plan is as follows:

On Friday, September 11, 2020, the band will play a special pre-game show for parents starting at 5:30 in the Southmoreland Stadium. Cheerleaders will be a part of this special show and will have the opportunity to perform a special routine. Every band and cheerleader will be given 2 tickets which will provide family members the opportunity to attend the special show. Arrangements have been made with the Scottdale Firemen's Club, Wish's Restaurant, and Carson's Restaurant to livestream the event at the respective facilities. Once the show is concluded, everyone will be asked to exit the stadium allowing for the parents of the football players to enter the stadium at 6:30. Football parents will also be given 2 tickets to enter the game. Once again, the game will be livestreamed at the Scottdale Firemen's Club, Wish's Restaurant, and Carson's Restaurant.

The two ticket policy will be in effect for all high school and middle school sporting events. An important point is this plan allows for every sport to have spectators present. It is our hope that House Bill 2787 will be passed and we can

return to a format that will provide us all the opportunity to sit together and watch our students perform. There is no easy solution to the problem we have been handed, but working together, we can provide the greatest opportunity for our students and parents.