

The class raising the most money for Cash for Cancer will not win a movie day as previously announced. The fundraiser will still run until Thursday, Oct. 29.

District officials decided last spring that students would not see a movie, however, they did not convey the message to current administrators until last week, according to principal John Burdett.

"It's a miscommunication somewhere down the line and it didn't get to me until I was told," Dr. Burdett said. "That communication did not happen when I took over, between me and the former principal. That was not communicated, from what I understand, to the other folks on the administrative team here."

Student leadership sent out a tweet about the prize, but they were asked to take it down. The administration doesn't have a solution yet.

"I'm the one who asked Mr. Kirkland to take down the tweet because it was inaccurate," Dr. Burdett said. "Until I can get a definite answer I don't want to communicate anything out to the whole student body."

The central office chose to keep students in class to protect instructional time, according to Dr. Burdett.

"We get a grade from the state on how well we do on certain assessments," Dr. Burdett said. "If we are pulling students out of class, rather than learning, then that puts some students at a disadvantage in some way. If we do enough of that over time, the more time you're out of class the less time you're learning."

The administration has looked at other options for prizes to substitute for the movie.

"We are looking at other alternatives like, can we give the winning class gift cards to a movie theater or something like that," Dr. Burdett said. "I understand that in the past we have always, I don't know if reward is a thing, but we've taken the winning class to see a movie. We are looking at alternatives right now."

Dr. Burdett believes students don't need a physical reward to feel like they contributed to a good cause.

"You should give because you want to give and you don't seek an extrinsic reward," Dr. Burdett said. "That's an intrinsic thing, that you're giving to your fellow man or woman to help find a cure for cancer. That in and of itself should be a reward."

