Dear Colleagues

You are invited to Sterling High School’s Novice/JV debate tournament. This will be a one-day in-person tournament on Saturday, September 25, 2021 with four rounds. (This date is a departure from what might appear on some calendars due to area schools choosing our previous date to host) It will be $5 per entry, and at this time, we will be allowing each school to have **four entries**. While we encourage the use of the novice case list, we will not require the use of it or the negative packet. Our building can hold up to 40 teams. You can register for our tournament through Tabroom. **Each school will be asked to bring one judge or a sponsor who is prepared to judge.**

At this time, the tournament matching will be run through Tabroom, but the rest will be in-person with paper ballots. If for whatever reason we are forced to go online, we can and will do so quickly. COVID rules can be found later in this letter.

Hope to see you in Sterling,

Betsy Dutton

Debate Coach

Schedule:

8am - Round 1

9:30am - Round 2

11:00 am - Round 3

12:30 pm - Lunch

1:00 pm - Round 4

**COVID-19 In-Person Tournament Rules**

1. Masks will be REQUIRED in all communal areas like hallways, performance rooms (except when the speaker in a round), and restrooms.
2. Each team will have a home area to report to between rounds. We request that you remain masked in this area unless eating.
3. There will also be a concession stand during lunchtime.
4. The hospitality room will look similar to a pre-COVID judge lounge, but we ask that all judges and coaches socially distance appropriately.
5. The Tab Room will be the only communal area in the tournament. Only coaches are allowed in the Tab Room. Please remain masked.
6. Teams should sit as far apart as possible in the room they debate in, with the judge sitting as far to the back of the room as possible. The speakers will be asked to socially distance when presenting and during cross-ex.
7. If more restrictions are decided upon by my school district, I will communicate them as soon as possible.