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Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the Maine East H.S. Debate Team and Maine East High School, we would like to invite you to the Twenty-fifth Annual Maine East Debate Regatta. Please note our tournament has six preliminary rounds in both divisions. We hope that you and your squad will be able to attend a snow, scandal and misdemeanor free tournament.

Dates: Friday through Sunday, February 9-11, 2024

Place: Maine East High School
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Tab Room: Maine East's very own Arjun Patel has graciously agreed to tab.

Events: POLICY DEBATE: We will be offering a Novice Division (first year debaters) and an Open Division in cross examination style switch-side debate. The format will be 8-3-5 with 8 minutes prep time. There will be six preliminary rounds. Elimination rounds will begin with quarterfinals.

Topic: Resolved: The United State federal government should substantially increase fiscal redistribution in the United States by adopting a federal jobs guarantee, expanding Social Security, and/or providing a basic income.

Awards: Top ten speakers in each division and all elimination round participants in novice and open policy.

Chaperones: Each school must be supervised by an official coach or assistant coach

Judging: High school students must have at least 3 years debate experience to judge the novice division. Judges are obligated one round beyond the furthest advancing team from their school. A limited number of hired judges will be available.

Fees: \$90.00 per varsity team; \$80.00 per novice team. Please make checks payable to Maine East High School.

Meals: Meals and snacks will be available for purchase throughout the day on Friday and Saturday.

Directions: Maine East H.S. is located at the corner of Dempster and Potter Roads in Park Ridge. There is a Dempster Road exit on I-294 north which is just west of the school. Coming south on I-294, exit on Golf Road East, take a right on Potter and go down to Dempster. Please call for more specific directions.

If you have any questions contact Keith Barnstein at kbarnstein@alumni.depaul.edu or 847-732-1629. Thank you and we hope to see you in February.

Keith Barnstein,
Debate Coach,

Evelyn Alsop,
Captain Maine East Debate Team