

Shades Valley High  
School Band

Dear Shades Valley Band Student and Parent,

On Monday, January 27, 2003, the Student Services Division and Shades Valley Principle Jane Baker, denied our request for overseas travel during the coming school year. Given the current world situation, I understand this decision completely. Even last week as hopefully most of you know, a terror warning was issued for the UK and London specifically. While I am disappointed, I am also a bit relieved. When this opportunity arose, I felt the situation in the Middle East would have progressed much further towards a resolution by even this time. Unfortunately it has not.

I will never expose our students to any situation that I do not feel is completely safe. Knowing Jane Baker and our administrators at the Board of Education as well as I do, I assure you they are acting in the very best interest of our students. Many of you have spoken to me with the very same concerns about the safety and timeliness of our trip. This is too large a financial undertaking and focus of time to risk complications brought about by an unforeseen world climate.

I am thankful Shades Valley was extended the invitation and appreciative of the boosters willingness to explore the opportunity. It is important we move forward with our plans and do everything we can to continue to offer our students every opportunity to perform in new venues for new audiences. I appreciate your efforts and support of the Shades Valley Band.

Sincerely,

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