

## Recent weather-related events and SJBODA

As you all know, the weather has been just terrible this year, and it appears to be far from over. The executive board of SJBODA has been monitoring the weather for all of our events so far in the interest of keeping the students involved in our activities safe. This is the reason our first rehearsal in December was cancelled and ultimately why the rehearsals scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup> were cancelled.

We monitored the weather reports and satellite information available to us all day, and according to all the information we received, the weather was not going to begin until close to 9:00pm. It was this information that led us to the decision to run the rehearsal as scheduled.

It was not until 1:30pm when we got the first word about schools all over our area canceling activities for that evening and also canceling transportation for events outside their districts. We began contacting teachers in districts as this information began to come in. At the same time, we received a number of phone calls between 1:45 and 2:00pm that indicated that well over half of the students involved would not be permitted to travel to Mainland and Delsea for these rehearsals. After that information was received, we decided to cancel the rehearsals.

Our decision was basically made for us by the large number of districts whose administrators cancelled events on Tuesday so late in the day.

The executive board of SJBODA will continue to review our methods of communication and work to improve in this area. As always, our actions are driven by what is best for the students in our region.

Thank you,  
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