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## State swim team

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To: JOSEPH ZYDOWSKY <joe\_zydowsky@msd.k12.wi.us>

Mr. Zydowsky,

It seems I am emailing you a lot. Believe me, I've never contacted the district administrator before this year!! Not my cup of tea, getting involved.

My daughter, Kate, and 3 others made it to State Swim in 4 events and the whole sectional team did awesome Saturday. The team placed third. This team has been amazing, cohesive, flexible and followed all the required, ever changing Covid protocols. They are all good students. 2 are seniors and have had been cheated out of so many things already. They have worked soooo hard.

I'm wondering why their practice was cancelled today? Your email stated this was a staffing issue, not a spiking student case issue. There are only 4 girls practicing now, and I'm assuming the swim coaches/staff are healthy. Now it will be even easier to follow Covid protocol with only 4 athletes in the pool! With germ killing chlorine.

For State, parents are willing to drive their own kids to the meet and get separate hotel rooms.

They need to complete this season, just like the other Fall sports. Cross country was allowed to go to State. Swim parents can make this work. And if there is a potential exposure, they aren't going back to school on Monday anyway and the swim season is over.

By the way, Kate was accepted to Wheaton University in Illinois for this Spring semester. \$12,000/year Presidential scholarship. Thanks, she is very excited and has at least one bright thing to look forward to.

So, I think she and the other 3 student athletes can handle State meet rules. This will be Kate's third state swim event. Melody's 4th State trip, Kinsey's second state and Shannon's first. Kate and Melody are Captains, are good leaders and will help the younger athletes. They have all followed this year's Covid rules to the letter as they didn't want to risk missing their chance at State.

It would be very disappointing if they can't go due to staffing issues....and they need to practice this week. Muscle is lost every day with no swimming.

Thanks

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Sent from my iPhone