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Good Afternoon Mayor,

I was touching base again, to see if there is anything that you were able to do to help with this. I truly believe that this indoor event shouldn't take place due to the recent rise in Covid-19 and the State of Emergency that Myrtle Beach is in. I look forward to your help with this. Thanking you in advance!

Tonya Mays

On Sun, Jun 14, 2020 at 11:55 AM Tonya Mays <tmays@mgsd.k12.nc.us> wrote:

> Dear Mayor Bethune,
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> After the most recent Covid-19 update from Myrtle Beach, I am extremely concerned that the Myrtle Beach Convention Center will still be holding an indoor Dance Competition at the end of June. It is my belief that this will put several people in danger. I want nothing more than my child to dance but the decision for them to " safely" hold this National Competition is not feasible. I was hoping that I wouldn't have to make a decision about not attending but that the "powers that be" in Myrtle Beach would see that this is not a wise decision during these unprecedented times. I have tried reaching out to the Myrtle Beach Convention Center and no one has responded. What can you do to help?
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> Respectfully yours,
> Tonya Mays
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> I have sent two emails with concerns and no one has reached out to me. I look forward to hearing your response. It is more than money, you have the opportunity to save a life. Here are my emails:
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> To Convention Center:
> Showstoppers Dance Nationals will be help at your center at the end of June. How are you going to adhere to state guidelines for dancers at the Showstopper's competition? It is impossible, that you can have that many people from various places, indoors and together for more than (CDC guidelines) of just 10-15 minutes and social distancing without someone getting Covid 19. You would have to sanitize after every dance. The restrooms and dressing rooms will be of high concern. Also, sitting in the stands or chairs, without them being cleaned each time. The dancers have to practice in various areas and have seen them on the floors of the convention center. Unless all guidelines for these things will be completely crystal clear to all, I don't think all logistics of this has been thought through without liability that will occur. It goes against all science. You don't even have to present with a fever and you can be sick. We had to quarantine this week because of an employee of an outside agency that was painting at my workplace, did not present with a fever all week but on Friday became ill with Covid 19. I think it is too risky and too early to hold something of this magnitude. Not to mention, this will also be one of the busiest times at the beach. Give it one more month.
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> To Showstopper's:
> My daughter's dance company is due to dance at the East Coast Finals. We are extremely concerned about her dancing at Myrtle Beach this year. We absolutely adore Showstoppers and this is the highlight of our dance year, each and every year. However, this year, in light of all that we are struggling wiith due to Covid-19 and the most recent warning by the Mayor of Myrtle Beach, we are struggling with the decision to go on with the show. We have been following the latest reports out of South Carolina and feel that it is too risky for any of the youth and family to safely attend. I am a school

administrator and see the latest notifications that are coming out and it is alarming. I don't want to tell her no but do feel that it is too risky and the numbers and science are telling me that we won't be able to keep everyone safe. I, myself, am immunocomprimised and would be the one that needed to help with costumes, etc. Just one person contracting this or someone there at the competition unknowingly spreading this would be devastating. I know that Showstopper's has always tried to look after their dancers but I truly don't see how dancer's and families will not be exposed at some point.
I am asking Showstopper's to please reconsider holding their East Coast Finals at Myrtle Beach at the end of June. You can't imagine how hard it is to make those tough decisions for our youth but I have been there and had to plan graduation, etc. around the assurance of children's and community well being.

Thank you in advance for taking this request to heart. I look forward to hearing back from you.

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