

Dear Performing Arts Families:

We have come to the difficult decision to end our dance season for this term. Even though I had released our original recital dates at Shea's, I was able to secure a weekend in August (because of someone else's cancellation) that I was waiting to share with you. I recently have been made aware of the severe restrictions that would have been placed not only on our students, but on our audience members as well. It simply was not feasible. I decided to release those dates too which was heartbreaking.

A week ago or so I had written a request to our Hamburg Mayor asking for permission to use the Memorial Park Stage, and followed up this past Monday June 1st in a Zoom meeting with the Hamburg Village Board. They had discussed our situation before I was allowed into the meeting, and they were also discouraging. They wanted to wait until closer to that time to watch the situation to even make a decision which would not have worked out for us.

As you know, our classes were cut short in March and most students had not even finished their choreography, some seniors had not begun their solos, and most dances would have had to be reworked without partnering, any physical contact, and 6 feet distancing between dancers. We would need months, not just a week or two to make all those changes. Besides, we can't even meet at the studio for practice with the size of our classes. Our entire program going forward has to be revamped so that students are safe, and parents feel that their kids are safe with us.

I can't tell you how difficult it was for me to come to terms with this, and how difficult this is for me to write, especially in light of our seniors and their families who I know were hanging onto hope. We will be notifying families soon about your costume pickup. Stay well & God bless. I'm very sorry,

Miss Sue