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Due to the recent [catastrophic flooding](#) in Houston, Texas during the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, it is estimated that over 80% of the Spring Forest Middle School population was heavily impacted (close to 700 of our students and some faculty members). Many of our families' homes and vehicles had several feet of standing water for over 2 weeks, increasing the amount of time, money and resources needed to address the flood damage.

Our school and PTA leadership stepped in right away to gather and provide resources to the affected families, and will continue to do so throughout the long rebuilding process. However, many PTA chairmen and members are among the victims and will not be able to fully accomplish their roles for our school this year, physically or financially. The remaining members are working to assist those affected and to take over these additional PTA responsibilities as well, including our usual fundraising efforts.

We have adjusted our goals and expectations for the year, however we still need to provide programs and supplies to support our students and faculty. In a school where 61% of the almost 900 students are on a free/reduced lunch program, the funds and resources provided by SFMS PTA are vital to the overall success of our students. These funds also supplement our Fine Arts programs (Art, Choir, Band, Theater and Orchestra) and Health/Fitness. In addition, they afford PTA the opportunity to pay for community outreach events like our Veteran's Day Celebration, which will be held on Friday November 10, 2017. We believe this year it is even more important to recognize and celebrate our military heroes, as many of these groups were involved in post-flooding rescues and security in our area.

Any donation amount is appreciated and will be recognized in our community. In addition, corporate donations will be eligible for our Bobcat Sponsorship program. SFMS PTA is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization, so donations may be tax-deductible as well. Letters for tax purposes will be sent out at the end of the calendar year.

Please click [HERE](#) for personal donations and click [HERE](#) for corporate donations. Thank you for your support, especially during these extraordinarily trying times.

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