Dear Colleagues and Members of DANEIS,

You are cordially invited to the 1st Online Northfield Mount Hermon Public Speaking Tournament, to be held on May 3, 2020. It includes three speaking opportunities in this order:

- 1. Interpretive Reading (mandatory)
- 2. After-Dinner or Persuasive Speaking (choose one)
- 3. Impromptu Speaking (mandatory)

Event guidelines are attached and we hope will answer your other questions. A supplemental technology guide is in preparation and will be ready by April 20th. We are delighted to announce that there is no registration fee. There will be no change in 95-point system or judging categories: we will proceed with conventional DANEIS public speaking categories description/guidelines.

Each school is expected to provide at least one judge. You may register one or more speakers with a maximum of six. If you wish to bring more than 4 speakers, we ask that you provide a second judge. To be eligible for team awards, you must register at least four speakers. First, second, and third place awards will be given in each category. Team trophies will also be awarded to first-, second-, and third-place schools. A "best speaker" will also be named. Please read event guidelines carefully. We would ask that all After-Dinner and Persuasive speeches have been created within this academic year. Impromptu speeches must actually be impromptu...please no canned speeches.

Should you have last minute changes to your team, please contact Peter Weis at (413)-325-3299.

Please respond by April 28rd. We look forward to hosting you online in May.

Sincerely,

Flo Auerbach, Society President

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