

Dear SMNS Community

You may have seen in the news that the money has run out for the federal funding programs for which SMNS has applied-- the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) under the CARES Act and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Emergency Advance Program (EIDL).

Though our application was submitted at the earliest possible time with PNC, it **did not** get submitted by the bank to the SBA before the SBA ran out of money. At our bank, they had over 85,000 applications and were able to fund less than a quarter of them. A similar story is true for the EIDL program-- funding fell short of demand.

It is our hope that Congress will allocate additional funds to both of these programs in order to hold up the small businesses across the country. The Senate will return to session on Monday. **It will be very important that senators and representatives across the country hear from YOU (their constituent) over the weekend.** They need to know that we want them to hold up small businesses through these programs.

Please reach out to them in any way you are comfortable:

- You can use the attached template to contact your senators and representatives by email;
- You can call them;
- You can tag them on social media.

The Emergency Committee of the Board of Directors has decided that we will wait until next week to make our plan for what happens after April, with the hope that Congress will put more money into these programs. **Your voice can help make this happen!**

In the meantime, **thank you for all of your support.** Thank those of you who have donated to our school as well.

Whatever happens with this federal funding, donations give us more options and make it more likely that SMNS can weather this crisis and return to welcome your children back to our school in the future. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

Warmly
Traci

Here is what we are asking:

1. **CONTACT** your legislators **in any way you are comfortable** - or in ALL ways: phone, via email letter, or social media
2. Check out our SMNS **quick demo on all the ways to contact your legislator on this issue:** <https://youtu.be/BsebGFdCRoQ>
3. **IF YOU WANT TO WRITE AN EMAIL:** Open the attached template & make any changes you wish to or use it as is; just add your name and representative's name.
4. **Look up your representatives** easily here: <https://live.cicerodata.com/>
5. **For WEST PHILADELPHIA residents:** the legislators you should contact on this federal funding issue are listed below.
 - Rep. Dwight Evans (202) 225-4001 <https://evans.house.gov/contact>
TW @RepEvans <https://www.facebook.com/RepDwightEvans/>
 - Senator Toomey (202) 224-4254
<https://www.toomey.senate.gov/?p=contact> TW@SenToomey
<https://www.facebook.com/senatortoomey/>
 - Senator Casey (202) 224-6324 <https://www.casey.senate.gov/contact>
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