

Friday Flash 9/1/23

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- We will be relocating some contests, adding a few new contests and dropping lunches. Hosting schools will be providing lunches and each school will be responsible for their food.
- Lunch will be provided at Mercedes Benz, Lincoln Tech and the Carpenter's Center.
- No bussing will be provided on April 13th. The starting times at the three different competition sites will be staggered so that your buses can drop off your students.
- We will not be blocking off hotel rooms for April 13th. Each school is responsible for making their own bookings. We will forward you a list of hotels in the area that you can choose from.
- We are also moving the awards ceremony to Sunday, April 28th.
- The Friday Flashes will include occasional blurbs and memos from The State Officers, as they have expressed an interest in streamlining communication with the advisors, and we are happy to accommodate that request.

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