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Dear Junior High South Band Members,

Congratulations on being selected to participate in this year's ECMEA Junior High South Band! This year's festival will be held at East Aurora Central Schools the weekend of March 15th and 16th. Your Conductor will be Mr. Phil Aguglia, band director at Kenmore East High School. Mr. Aguglia is a graduate of Buffalo Public Schools, and received degrees from Ithaca College and SUNY Fredonia.

In order for the ensemble to perform at its best, it is your responsibility to work on your music with your music teacher prior to the festival. To ensure a positive musical experience for yourself and the entire group be sure to take great care in preparing your music.

Your full participation in all rehearsals is mandatory. You must be in your seat, ready to warm up and tune 15 minutes before the scheduled rehearsal time. Late arrivals will be dismissed from the ensemble. Because rehearsal time is limited, it is ECMEA policy that students may not miss any rehearsal or any part of a rehearsal for any reason, including illness. A student that misses any part of rehearsal will no longer be eligible to participate.

The use of electronic devices (cell phones, texting, games, etc.) is prohibited during rehearsals and concerts. Also, any student whose behavior is deemed inappropriate at the all-county festival will be dismissed from the ensemble.

Please bring all necessary materials with you to the festival such as extra reeds, mutes, valve oil, your instrument and music. Percussionists should bring all required mallets and instruments as needed. **Pencils and ECMEA 2019 stickers will be handed out the day of the festival.**

Students should arrive on Saturday in concert attire. There will be no rooms for changing available at the festival. Concert dress for this performance is a white blouse or dress shirt and black dress pants or long skirt for ladies, and a white button-down shirt and tie, and black dress pants for gentlemen. Students should also wear black or dark-colored dress shoes as part of their concert dress.

Included in your envelope are important letters and schedules pertaining to the weekend. Please take the time to read through them thoroughly ahead of time. Please feel free to contact either Co-Chairperson with any further questions should the need arise. We look forward to working with you in March.

Sincerely,

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