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Dear Directors,

On behalf of the Galena Park Independent School District and our Fine Arts Department, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the UIL Region XIX Marching Contest to be held on Saturday, October 20 at the GPISD athletic stadium. The official warm-up and performance schedule is on the accompanying document as well as a map of the contest site.

The soccer field at North Shore Senior High will be available as a practice field. Official warm-up areas will be provided in the North Shore Senior High gymnasiums. **Do not practice or warm-up percussion sections outside as they are audible from the stadium.**

Please be reminded of the following:

1. **DO NOT PLAY WHILE OUTSIDE THE GYMNASIUMS.**
2. **NO ONE IS ALLOWED IN THE PRESS BOX EXCEPT CONTEST OFFICIALS AND COMPETING BAND DIRECTORS.**

When you arrive at the contest site, directors are to report to the press box to turn in your **Form #1**, and **Letter of Intent** (if applicable). The recorded critique is a UIL requirement for this adjudicated event and Region XIX will provide the tapes.

Please be reminded that current UIL Constitution and Contest Rules for this event will be in effect. Take time to carefully review all rules and any changes in preparation for this event. **An online version of this document can be accessed at <http://www.uil.utexas.edu/policy/constitution/index.html>.**

The Constitution and Contest Rules state:

“Bands may use the five minutes prior to their performance time in any way they deem appropriate in order to assume their starting position and prepare for the beginning of their show. Activities may include warm-up and cadence.”

“Each band will be announced at the end of four minutes. The beginning of their announcement will indicate that the performance time must begin within sixty seconds.”

“The actual timing for the show will begin at the starting point designated by the director or at the end of the five minutes.”

“Each competing band must occupy the football field for not less than five nor more than eight minutes.”

“At the conclusion of its performance, each band will have two minutes to exit the field and clear the marching surface of all equipment, instruments, and props. Any further sound, whether generated by instruments or verbal cadence may result in disqualification.”

“A band leaving equipment or instruments on the sideline in such a manner that these items impede the movement of the next band into its starting position may be subject to disqualification.”

“The use of balloons by participants or spectators at the Region Marching Band Contest is prohibited.”

There will be adult monitors in the warm-up areas and the holding area. Please follow their instructions as to when to move out, as they have been carefully instructed on the timing procedures.

Remind your students that all bands will be video taped, so please keep the noise level as low as possible while bands are performing. In addition, please remind your students not to move into or out of the seating areas while bands are performing.

No videotaping will be allowed from the press box, video decks or within the area designated for the judges. Please cooperate in this matter. Arrangements for an area as near as possible to the 50-yard line will be available for videotaping. A sign will be posted designating the video taping area (just below the press box and to the right). Directors are to issue the enclosed ***Video Taping Pass*** to the representative from their performing organization if you wish to video record your performance.

Best wishes to you and your students for a smooth and successful contest. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mickey Wininger".

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VIDEO TAPING PASS

(NAME)

Has been designated to video tape our
Region XIX
Marching Contest performance on
OCTOBER 20, 2007

(SCHOOL)

(DIRECTOR)