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“Building Bristol’s Future, One Student at a Time”

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VBODA DISTRICT VII CONCERT ASSESSMENT February 2017

Dear Directors,

The VBODA District VII Concert Assessment will be held on **March 15th and 16th 2017** (Wednesday & Thursday) at Virginia High School in Bristol, VA. The event will be hosted by Gary Skeen & Ben Parks. At this time, the event will be a two-day event. Take note, if the event has less than 20 bands registered at the time of the deadline, this event will become a one day event on Wednesday, March 15th 2017. Please mark **BOTH** dates on your calendars. Any scheduling requests must be handled directly by Gary Skeen in an email or phone call.

Please go to <http://www.vboda.org/vboda-forms.html> or the district VII website to download the following: Directors financial form, the Stage Crew Form, & the Prepared Selections forms (signed by your principal). Send the 3 forms and payment (checks payable to “Virginia High School – VBODA District VII Concert Assessment”), to Gary Skeen, by Wednesday, March 1st 2017. The mailing address is:

VBODA District VII Concert Assessment, Virginia High School

Attn: Gary Skeen,

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. It is necessary to have your registration form by this time to schedule the event. If your registration

form has not been received by this date there is no guarantee of an assessment time. The bands will be scheduled according to the music grade level and group size when possible. If you should have any problem with transportation or a major scheduling conflict, every effort will be made to schedule your group as requested. At this point, assessment times will start at 11:00am on Wednesday and conclude by 6:00pm and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. until 7:00. I will make every effort to have no performance times past 7:00pm as long as this remains a 2 day event. If the event is one day, then the start time will be approximately 9:30am and the conclusion will be at approximately 9:00pm. The non-member fee for NAFME is \$123.00 for any director that has not joined this organization. The Assessment registration fee is TBA Make checks payable to: Virginia High School (and note the check as "VBODA District VII Concert Assessment"). If the event has less than 20 bands registered at the time of the deadline, this event will become a one day event on Wednesday, March 15th 2017. If this becomes a one day event, all registered groups will be notified by email ASAP. The VMEA fee "per student" will be included in the registration fee. It is important that we have an accurate number of students per group.

If a group cancels after registration payment is made, there is no guarantee that a full/partial refund will be made. Please make sure you send a copy of your NAFME card when you mail back your registration and fee. Guidelines for Assessment/Festival Procedures can be found in the 2016-17 Edition of the VBODA Administrative Handbook on the website www.vboda.org. It is your responsibility to review these guidelines. New directors will find this information very helpful. Please make sure you bring all auxiliary percussion equipment as well as your own sticks and mallets

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

Our district assessment is scheduled during the third scheduled week (end). If your school has missed 5 (five) or more days of school since February 24th you may participate in your District Festival using one of the Weather Related Options listed in the next section.

District Assessment Weather Related Options:

Internet: <http://www.bvps.org/vhs>

1. High school bands applying for Virginia Honor Band status must perform their entire festival program, meeting all standard VBODA festival requirements. There is no option available for these ensembles.

2. Ensembles scheduled to sight-read may select one of the following two options. The option must be indicated prior to the festival performance.

A. Eliminate the warm-up selection or play it for comments only. The warm-up selection will not be adjudicated. The two manual selections will be adjudicated and the ensemble will sight read and be adjudicated as usual.

B. Perform the warm-up selection and both manual selections for adjudication as usual and eliminate the sight-reading

3. Ensembles scheduled not to sight read (Concert Option I, pg. 28) may select the following option.

C. Eliminate one of the three prepared manual selections and perform the warm-up and two prepared selection for adjudication. The schedule of performance times and final information concerning the assessment will be posted on the District VII website at www.vboda7.org If you need to receive this in the mail please contact Gary Skeen at 276.821.5858. If you should have any questions concerning the event please contact me, Gary Skeen, at 423.483.1130 My email address is gskeen@bvps.org.

Sincerely,
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