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Howard County Middle School G/T Band
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Dear Parents/Guardians of Student Musicians:

The *Howard County Middle School Gifted and Talented Band* and the *Howard County Middle School Honors Band* are countywide musical opportunities for middle school band students who excel in their school band programs. Your child has been selected to audition for one of these enrichment groups based on his/her demonstration of excellent music skills and cooperation in his/her home school band program.

Please read and **initial** the following details:

_____ I understand that we are registering to audition for the *Howard County Middle School Gifted and Talented Band* and the *Howard County Middle School Honors Band*.

_____ It is the parents’/guardians’ responsibility to transport their child to and from rehearsals and the performance.

_____ Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is mandatory! (Please compare the band schedules listed on page two with your calendar to check for conflicts before registering.)

_____ Students selected for either group are expected to participate and to come prepared for each rehearsal.

_____ Students selected for either group will be assessed a \$55 fee to cover costs of the music and conductors’ fees.

_____ **All G/T and Honors Band candidates must audition.** There will be one audition date and site. Audition requirements are the same for both ensembles.

_____ **Audition Requirements:** Audition performance requirements are the same as for All-State Band. Your school band director has copies of the All-State requirements. They may also be found at www.mmea-maryland.org.

_____ **Audition Date:** Tuesday, October 6, 2009

_____ **Audition Site:** Mount View Middle School, 12101 Woodford Rd, Marriottsville, MD

_____ **Audition Times:** 3:30 – 8:30 pm

Note: All flute and clarinet players must be available to audition in the finals room. Based on judges’ scores, the student may be asked to proceed to the finals room. This could take up to an additional 45 minutes.

_____ **Notification:** Band directors will receive students’ audition times on or before Sept. 18th.

_____ **Request:** Parents are requested to wait in the hallway during the audition.

_____ **Registration:** To register your child for an audition time, please complete the *Registration Form* and **return it to your school band director by September 11th**. The director will make a copy of the form and return it to you. This is a confirmation that the form was received. **Students must bring this copy of the registration form to the audition.**

