Dear Colleague,

The Central Jersey Music Educators Association is proud to present the 24th Annual Region II Concert Band Festival. This Concert Band Festival is being provided to foster and promote the growth of the most important aspects of our programs. We hope that you will take advantage of this worthwhile opportunity. Three different schools within the region will host this year’s festival. The hosts are:

**Tuesday, March 17, 2020: Summit High School**
**Wednesday, March 18, 2020: Monroe Township High School**
**Thursday, March 19, 2020: Bridgewater-Raritan High School**

This festival is open to high school ensembles of all levels. Primary ensembles will be considered for the State Gala Honors Concert held in May. Second and third ensembles from schools are encouraged to attend as well! This year’s adjudication panel includes Gregory Martin (West Chester University), Eric Laprade (The College of New Jersey), and Trae Blanco (Murray State University). Each will provide written and taped commentary for your ensemble(s). A live, unedited recording, of each ensemble’s performance will also be included.

The festival provides each ensemble with the opportunity to perform 20 minutes of music. Typically, this includes two selections with the option to perform a warm-up piece (not required). Warm-up pieces are limited to being less than 4 minutes in length. A schedule will be finalized and sent to directors by January 10th. No performances will begin prior to 4 pm. All attending groups must be present for their entire performance block, which usually consists of 4-5 performances, acting as an audience for other performing groups. As has been the case in previous years, Division I ensembles interested in the Gala must choose one selection from the NBA Selective Music List. For access to this list please e-mail Chris Vitale or consider joining the National Band Association ([www.nationalbandassociation.org](http://www.nationalbandassociation.org)), which will give you access to the list along with numerous other resources.

The cost for participation will be $250 for the first ensemble entered from each school and $175 for any additional ensembles entered. Application fees may be paid by purchase order PROVIDED the check is received by the deadline of **February 14, 2020**. If paying by purchase order, please be aware that there is an application deadline by which all fees must be received. Plan ahead with your PO and get it in early since your school may take over a month for processing. After February 14, 2020 there will be a $25 late fee assessed. Any payments not received by March 1, 2020 will NOT be accepted, with or without a late fee, and will be returned. Invoices will be emailed to directors within 14 days of online registration.

If you are interested in attending, please fill out the online registration as soon as possible. Due to space and time considerations, bands will be selected on a first come, first served basis. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**REGISTER ONLINE HERE**

Sincerely,
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