



## NORTON INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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**To: Superintendent Mr. Addis and Norton City Schools Board of Education**  
**From: Josh Mitchell, Tom Chiera, Chuck Kaufman**

**What: Winter Percussion overnight trip to Regional and World Championships**  
**When: Regional – March 9-10, 2019      &      Worlds – April 10-13, 2019**  
**Where: Dayton, Ohio**

I am requesting to take the Norton High School Indoor Percussion Ensemble on two trips that will involve us staying overnight. The trips are to a Winter Guard International (WGI) regional competition and World Championships competition both in Dayton, Ohio. For the regional competition, we will be leaving the morning of Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> to perform in our preliminary competition at Franklin Central High School in Indianapolis, Indiana. We will return the evening of March 10<sup>th</sup> after the conclusion of the Finals competition. For the World Championships, we will be leaving early in the morning on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> to perform in our preliminary performance with hopes of performing again on Friday in Semi-Finals and lastly on Saturday morning in Finals competition at the University of Dayton Arena. The April trip would require students to miss two days of school. Camp Chautauqua in Miamisburg, OH will be our residence for both trips. We are looking to take a school bus to transport our 34 members, 4-6 chaperones, and 3-5 staff members. We will be paying for these trips with the funds that we have raised throughout the past year as well as the gracious help of our music booster program. These competitions include the best percussion programs from around the world where Norton has been nationally recognized in years past with hopes to continue this tradition. Along with the competitive nature of the weekend, students will also be able to learn and grow as performers and athletes as they are exposed to the highest level of the marching percussion activity in the world. Your support would allow the students and our program to compete at the level they are capable of and allow us to continue building the successful legacy as ambassadors of our school district and community.

Sincerely,

Joshua Mitchell  
Director of Percussion