



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 Competition

When: Regional – February 29 – March 1, 2020

Where: Dayton, Ohio (Camp Chautauqua)

Please allow this to serve as our request to take the Norton High School Indoor Percussion Ensemble on a trip that will involve us staying overnight. The trip is to a Winter Guard International (WGI) regional competition in Dayton, Ohio. We will be leaving the morning of Saturday, February 29th to perform in our preliminary competition at the James Trent Arena in Dayton, Ohio. We will return the evening of March 1st after the conclusion of the Finals competition. Camp Chautauqua, a Church Camp in Miamisburg, OH, will be our residence for this trip. We are taking 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