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Directors,

On behalf of the Galena Park Independent School District and our Fine Arts Department, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the UIL Area F Marching Band Contest to be held on Saturday, October 30th at the G.P.I.S.D. athletic stadium (15025 Wallisville Rd, Houston, TX 77049). The performance schedule and contest maps are available on the UIL Region 19 Music webpage (<https://region19uilmusic.com/>).

Buses & equipment trucks will enter the stadium complex from **Castlegory RD** (see contest maps).

1. As you exit Beltway 8 and approach the stadium on Wallisville RD, Castlegory RD is the **second traffic light** after the Beltway (on the north, past Walgreens).
2. Equipment trucks are asked to follow **behind** the student buses into the stadium complex. Parking workers will greet you to assist with parking after you turn off Castlegory RD onto Mustang DR.
3. Cars and all other personal vehicles must enter from Evanston LN (third traffic light after the Beltway).
4. You have the OPTION of unloading students & instruments in the *Student Drop-off Parking Lot* before your buses and trucks move to the *Bus/Truck Parking Lot* located near the *Field Exit and Pit Entrance* as this is closer to the *Warm-up Area* (see contest maps).
5. Sideline percussion instruments, drum major podiums and props should be unloaded in the *Bus & Equipment Truck Parking Lot* as this is closer to the *Pit Entrance* (see contest maps).
6. GPISD parent workers are scheduled to be in place by 6:45 AM to assist with parking. Please do not plan to arrive prior to 6:45 AM.

Student band monitors will meet your band approximately **30 minutes** prior to your scheduled warm-up time.

1. Band monitors will assist in locating restrooms and water fountains (inside the NSSH cafeteria) prior to warm-up and lead your band to the **outdoor warm-up area**, field entrance, field exit and back to your buses following your performance.
2. Band monitors will mark students' hands if they will be entering the stadium following your band's performance. Please ensure that all students get their hand marked either before or after your performance (WWs, brass, battery percussion, sideline percussion, & colorguard).
3. Please ask your band monitor, or a GPISD band staff member, for assistance if you have any questions throughout the day.

Important Information:

1. Allow 15 minutes to move from the bus & equipment parking area to the outdoor warm-up. Allow additional time if planning a restroom stop in the NSSH cafeteria. Warm-up is 30 minutes, travel time to the gate is 15 minutes, and the announcement to take the field for pre-placement and/or warm-up will be 5 minutes prior to your scheduled performance time.
2. **Do not play while outside the warm-up area** as wind and percussion instruments are audible from inside the stadium and the press box where the adjudicators are located.
3. Sideline percussion will have a designated area to warm-up (in close proximity to the pit entrance) and may do so only during their official warm-up time (see contest maps).
4. The current UIL *Constitution & Contest Rules* for this event will be in effect. Please take time to carefully review all rules in preparation for this event. An online version of this document can be accessed at <http://www.uil texas.org/policy/constitution>.
5. The UIL contest office is located on the first level of the press box. Due to COVID-19 safety precautions, no one other than adjudicators and a limited number of contest officials will be permitted inside the press box.
6. If you choose to have a staff member or parent record a single video of your marching band performance for educational purposes, you may do so from any available location in the home side seating area. Individuals may not video record from the press box as the adjudicators are on the second level video deck and the first level is enclosed.
7. The director's meeting, following prelims, will be inside the field house by the Galena Park endzone.

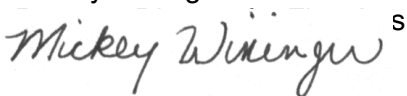
Spectator and Chaperone Information:

1. **Spectator parking is free and accessible from Evanston LN.** There is a **\$5 admission fee** for the UIL Area F marching contest. The admission gate is located at the northwest corner of the stadium.
2. **Ten (10) chaperone wristbands** per band will be provided to each participating head BAND DIRECTOR by your student band monitors. Chaperones must have wristbands from **you** to enter free of charge. Parents that assist with sideline percussion, props or other equipment do not need a pass to enter at field level for the band's performance but must have a wristband to enter the stadium concourse & seating areas as spectators. It is recommended that a director or band parent purchase additional passes and distribute them if needed.
3. Bus drivers, principals and fine arts administrators will be admitted with their school district ID badge.

Best wishes to you and your students for a smooth and successful marching event. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mickey Wininger

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mickey Wininger" followed by a superscript "s".