

**M.S.B.O.A. DISTRICT 8**  
**Band and Orchestra Festival**  
*Report to Membership, Spring 2007*

May 3, 2007

Directors,

The district festival for this past school year went well—many great sites, better ability to accommodate performance time requests (Friday times). Because of the computer scheduling program I was able to get the festival schedule out early this year (mid January) which helped all.

Areas that showed improvement:

- Fewer Late entries (which had been not allowed the previous year)
- Able to accommodate more performance time requests
- Quicker turn around with computer schedule

**TENTATIVE SITES –District Band and Orchestra Festival sites for 2007-08:**

To date, I have received applications to host from the following schools.

**1<sup>st</sup> Weekend (MS Band/All Orch)**

- Charlotte
  - Grand Ledge
  - Manchester
  - Okemos Chippewa (ORCH)
- (Also have an application from Waverly HS to host orchestra festival next year)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend (HS Band)**

- Jackson HS
- Charlotte
- Parma Western
- Adrian

**Festival Enrollment History**

I have compiled a history of festival enrollment for the past four years and we are showing a decline that is approximately the equivalent of one day of a festival site. Although this does illustrate a trend for declining numbers, using only four years may not be totally reliable. Orchestra enrollment has remained relatively steady; however, the biggest area of decline is in MS level bands (approximately 10 fewer over the past four years). It would be interesting to compare numbers of solo and ensemble events over the same period to see if we are experiencing the same relative decline. (As hosts for the MS Fall S&E festival we have seen a decline in number of “sections” for the fall festival)

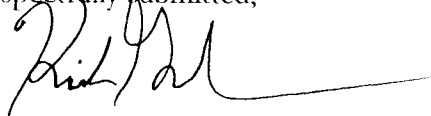
Year	2004	2005	2006	2007
JH Orchestra	12	12	12	12
HS Orchestra	10	11	11	11
JH Band	79	80	74	70
HS Band	81	79	77	76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>169</b>

## THOUGHTS:

- **“Open Enrollment”** pilot project from MSBOA???? Membership needs to discuss and decide at Spring Meeting (this meeting).
- **MHSAA Season Changes**
  - Girls Basketball will now be during the winter—playoffs may very well happen near festival time, not much we can do about this but individual directors will need to think ahead
  - HS Girls Basketball playoff dates—
    - District Level—February 18, 20, 22
    - Regional—February 26-28
    - Quarter, Semi, Final—March 4, 6-7, 8
- **State Mandated Curriculum/Budget Issues**—Many directors facing big issues in their schools—how can we help to keep Bands and Orchestras alive in our member schools
- **HS Testing**—NOT an issue next year, testing will be the week the leading up to State Solo and Ensemble.

It has been my pleasure to serve the membership this year and I would like to thank all who helped to make our Band and Orchestra Festival such a well run event.

Respectfully submitted,



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