

# MSBOA District 8 – High School Solo & Ensemble Festival Report

Monday May 9, 2011

To the President and members:

District 8 High School Solo & Ensemble Festival was held on January 29<sup>th</sup> at Haslett High School and Tecumseh High School. Both sites ran smoothly and were a success.

There were a few issues with staffing the rooms at Haslett High School because 27 schools choose to go to Tecumseh High School and 19 schools decided to attend at Haslett. Tecumseh also had 7 rooms were as Haslett hosted 16 rooms. All things were resolved with the collective minds of Dave, Joel, Stacie, and me. Parents and student teachers were used to run warm-up rooms with “floaters” to monitor the efficiency of the rooms. Thank you to Dave Gott for helping to provide the manpower to fulfill the assignments. I believe we should pass some sort of motion for the 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. of H.S. solo & ensemble to enlist the help of student teachers and/or booster parents to fulfill work assignments at the District 8 high school solo & ensemble festival when deemed appropriate by the 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P and President.

I was very disappointed in the participation from many of schools. Several schools sent less than 5 events. I do understand that there are many circumstances for students who are involved in more than one activity in high school but the importance of performing in a small group is invaluable. Students who perform solos or participate in ensembles increase the entire bands or orchestras playing ability. They become stronger sight readers and improve their tone.

Respectfully Submitted,

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