INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BEYOND THE BELL BRANCH

TO: Senior High School Principals **DATE:** August 23, 2019

Attention: Instrumental Music, Drill Team & Auxiliary Unit Teachers

FROM: Alvaro Cortés, Senior Executive Director

Beyond the Bell Branch

SUJBECT: 2019-2020 ALL-DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL HONOR MARCHING

BAND, REQUEST FOR PARTICIPANTS

The All-District High School Honor Marching Band has provided brass and percussion instrumental students, drill team, and auxiliary unit students with the opportunity of expanding concepts and skills in music and marching dynamics. The Band has displayed outstanding student achievement in the marching arts for over forty years.

In accordance with the following directions, teachers of instrumental music, drill team, and auxiliary units in senior high schools are requested to submit names of students for membership in the All-District High School Honor Marching Band. Three hundred sixty members are needed.

Honor Band students, under the direction of Anthony L. White and staff, will perform in the Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1, 2020 at Disneyland, in BandFest and other special events in December and January.

Rehearsals are scheduled for (See Attachment B):

- > October 5, 12, 19, 26
- November 2
- > December 7, 14, 21–23, 26–31, 2019
- > January 1 and 20, 2020

Students who play trumpet or cornet, trombone, mellophone, baritone horn, or sousaphone are selected based on teacher and administrator recommendation. Performance auditions for these students, will take place at rehearsals. Percussionists, drum majors, tall flags, baton twirlers, and shield carriers must audition. All students are asked to bring copies of their most <u>recent report card</u> along with the completed application to the audition to verify eligibility. Please note that this year we are asking all students to provide their student identification number on their application. Also, note due to the nature of this activity, students must be in good physical shape to march and perform on their chosen instrument.

PROCEDURES

Each high school instrumental music teacher is asked to:

- Select ten or more of the best and most reliable brass and percussion musicians who are interested in accepting this responsibility. All brass students should be able to play the B flat concert and chromatic scale, be able to produce a good tone and have an understanding of rhythm. The All-District Band staff will also assess students to determine placement and eligibility in the program.
- ➤ Return a completed application with signed parent consent form (Attachment A) and transportation form (Attachment B) for each selected student. Forms must be submitted no later than **Saturday**, **November 2**, **2019**. Please verify grades for all students.
- Inform students who play marching percussion (snare drum, tenor drums, bass drum and cymbals) that auditions will be held on **Saturday**, **September 21**, **2019**, at El Sereno MS.

Teachers of students who wish to apply as drum majors, tall flags, and shield carriers are asked to:

- Identify students who may wish to audition for these positions.
- Provide a copy of Attachment A (Application for Membership in the All-District High School Honor Marching Band 2019-2020 Season) and Attachment B (Parent's or Guardian's Permission for Field Trip & Authorization for Medical Care) and the tryout information to interested students.
- ➤ Return a completed application with signed parent consent form (Attachment A) and transportation form (Attachment B) for each selected student. Forms must be submitted by no later than **Saturday**, **November 2**, **2019**. Please verify grades for all students.

AUDITIONS

Drum Majors, Shield Carriers, Flags and Baton Twirlers

Saturday, September 21, 2019 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. El Sereno Middle School 2839 N. Eastern Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90032 323-224-4700

Drum Major Audition Guidelines

Drum Major candidates:

- Will draw numbers for order of performance
- Must be a drum major/assistant drum major at their home school
- Perform in their home school uniform

Judging Criteria

- Poise and carriage
- Marching style
- Precision of signals
- Voice and whistle commands
- · Baton techniques and signals

Each student will perform as follows:

- At the simulated goal line, give the following oral commands: "Parade Rest" and "Attention"
- Give command for "About Face" and then proceed downfield
- At the simulated 20-yard line, give signal for roll-off and conduct. Tempo should be from 130 to 150 beats per minute
- At the simulated 40-yard line, five signals for "Mark Time" and then "Forward March"
- At the simulated 50-yard line, give signal for "Column Left"
- Proceed to the sideline and give signal for "Halt" and "Music Cut-off"
- Execute "About Face" and salute
- Quality of response to leadership questions
- Bring completed forms as described under Procedures

Shield and Tall Flag Audition Guidelines

Shield and tall flag candidates:

- Should wear comfortable and appropriate clothing and footwear for learning and performing routines
- Should be a current member of their school's auxiliary program
- Bring their own equipment, if needed
- Will learn and perform a routine as part of the audition process

Judging criteria includes:

- Poise and carriage
- Flag and/or dance techniques
- Ability to learn and execute routines
- Perform in time with music
- Bring completed forms as described under Procedures

Percussion Audition Guidelines

Percussion candidates (snare drum, tenor drum, bass drum and cymbal):

- May audition on a maximum of two instruments
- Must bring sticks and/or mallets. Cymbals will be provided

Judging criteria includes:

- Ability to perform a drum cadence or marching percussion exercise while marching in place
- Ability to sight-read and perform a musical excerpt. Music will be provided at the audition
- Ability to demonstrate proficiency on their chosen instrument
- All percussion equipment will be provided at the audition
- Bring completed forms as described under Procedures

For more information, please contact Anthony L. White at (213) 241-7900 or via email at anthony.white@lausd.net.

Attachment A: 2019-2020 All-District High School Honor Marching Band Application for Membership Attachment B: Parent's or Guardian's Permission for Field Trip & Authorization for Medical Care

 c: Associate Superintendent or Hilda Maldonado John Han Martha Gomez Local District Superintendents

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Beyond the Bell Branch – Music & Entertainment Education

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ALL FOUR (4) SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED. SCHOOLS WITHOUT A MUSIC PROGRAM MUST HAVE A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR SIGN BOTH THE TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR SECTIONS

PLEASE NOTE: "By signing, I give the Los Angeles Unified School District permission for my son/daughter's image and likeness to be used for the

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PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S PERMISSION FOR FIELD TRIP AND AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICAL CARE

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December 7	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	El Sereno MS	Rehearsals
December 14		El Sereno MS	
December 21–23, 26–28	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	El Sereno MS / Dodger Stadium / CSULA	Rehearsals
December 29	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.	El Sereno MS / Disneyland	Performance
December 30	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	El Sereno MS / Pasadena City College	BandFest
December 31	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Dodger Stadium	Performance
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