

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The 8th Grade Concert Band will be participating in the North Carolina Music Performance Adjudication (NC MPA) again this year. This adjudication judges many bands in the Northwest district of North Carolina, rating the bands on how well they play. (I – Superior, II – Excellent, III – Average, IV – Fair, and V – Poor). The band will be judged on 3 prepared pieces and 1 piece that the band will have never seen, this is called sight-reading. We hope to continue the tradition of Excellent and Superior ratings this year.

The date for this performance will be on the 28th of March, during school. Students will arrive at WEMS in concert attire; we will leave that morning for Lenoir Rhyne University, Hickory, NC. We will perform, have lunch and then head back to school. More information about this will come closer to the event.

Your students have been working very hard for this opportunity to perform and receive high ratings this year. In order for our band to play at their highest ability, we are having clinicians come in to work with them. **This rehearsal is mandatory and very important for our success at MPA.**

This **mandatory** rehearsal will be **February 11th 2023** from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm at Davie County High School. Students will also be given a snack during this time.

If there are any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Student Name _____ Instrument _____

_____ My student will be attending the **mandatory** rehearsal on February 11, 2023 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm at Davie HS.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____