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Dear Colleagues, January 4, 2014

I hope this letter finds that you have successfully survived the Holiday concert season! Thank you for your continued support of the New England Music Solo & Ensemble Festival and your students. While postponing the southern site was a challenge for everyone, the students and their performances that day were wonderful. Thanks to all who helped make that happen.

The results from this year's adjudications can now be found through the online registration site linked on the Solo & Ensemble page of www.nemfa.org. You will need the NEMFA ID you created during registration to access your students' information. You will find their adjudication forms, their ratings and possible ensemble selection and seating as well as complete ensemble rosters for this year's New England Concert Festival on March 20th to 22nd at Mt. Anthony Union High School in Bennington, VT.

If some of your students were selected for the New England Chorus, you will find their folders with this letter. **Band & Orchestra folders will be mailed out later**. You will need to confirm the participation of each of your students and complete their housing information online through the same registration site by January 25, 2014. Once done, please print out the Acceptance Form/Invoice, provide the proper signatures and send with the amount shown. The student fee for the 2014 Concert Festival is \$99.00. Those Acceptance Form/Invoices and payment need to be postmarked by January 25, 2014 to and sent to:

William Sittard, Executive Secretary-Treasurer New England Music Festival Association, Inc. 73 Beauchamp Terrace Chicopee, MA 01020

As you know one special feature of the New England Music Concert Festival is that students are housed in local host family's homes. These host families are carefully selected and background screened to insure that all students have a safe and secure host stay.

If your online information is incomplete or your Acceptance Form / Invoice & payment not postmarked by January 25th, you will incur a \$100 late fee. After January 26th the ensemble managers will begin filling the spots made available by incomplete participation information, non-received payments and by students declining their selection. Please feel free to call me with any and all comments or questions.

Sincerely, Sal Cicciarella