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Dear 2010-11 Wind Ensemble Students and Parents:

In recent weeks, I have been able to gather more information regarding our Michigan Music Conference performance in January.

For starters, we have been assigned a performance time. The ABHS Wind Ensemble will be performing Friday afternoon, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 2:15pm. The performance will take place at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Information about the conference center (including maps) can be found at <http://www.devosplace.org/conventions.asp>.

Performing at this prestigious event will be an expensive endeavor and our Band Booster organization is working hard to cover the costs of our guest artists, transportation, programs, guest clinicians, etc. Overall, the cost of performing at the conference will be approximately \$15,000. In light of this, the students will need to cover the cost of their hotel room and food. A conference package has been put together for the students that will include the following:

- One night's accommodations at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel (connected to the Devos Place) on Thursday, January 20, 2011.
- A security guard for the evening.
- Round-trip transportation to and from Grand Rapids via motorcoach.
- Four meals (2 lunches, 1 breakfast buffet, & 1 dinner)

The price of this package is \$135 per student and checks need to be made out to the Anchor Bay Band Boosters. The money is due by October 31<sup>st</sup>, however payments can be made anytime between now and then. We need all members to attend this performance! If there is a problem with making this payment, please contact me so that we can discuss options that may be available. The email address and phone number are listed below. Conversely, if you want to make a donation to the cause, your donation will be completely tax-deductable and we will list your name in our Michigan Music Conference concert program.

There are a couple of hotels in the vicinity of the DeVos Place and the Amway Grand. For more information on the MMC and Grand Rapids, go to [www.michiganmusicconference.org](http://www.michiganmusicconference.org). If you are planning on attending the performance and would like to stay at the Amway Grand, call (616) 776-6400 and ask for the *Michigan Music Conference* rate. I would recommend doing this soon as the rooms will fill up fast with music educators from around the state.

As soon as the conference master schedule is published, I will be able to put together our group's itinerary. Check our website for updated information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [dvisnaw@abs.misd.net](mailto:dvisnaw@abs.misd.net) or (586) 648-2500, ext. 2359.

Musically yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "P. David Visnaw II".

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