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Dear Jazz All-State Participants/ Parents / Directors -

Congratulations on your acceptance into the 2019 Maine All-State Jazz Festival. The South Portland Music Department and Music Boosters are excited to again be hosting this year. We are working hard to make this festival a quality musical event for you!

Please take time to read the festival rules. Your teacher can access them for you on the MMEA website. This is a wonderful festival and because of its small size, a bit more relaxed. It will be important for you to be informed about the expectations and make good decisions - remember, everybody in the ensemble is important, and the overall success of the group rests on each performer being well prepared, rested and, ultimately, available to perform in the concert. You will be given a badge and lanyard at registration. You must wear it when you are outside the rehearsal room. It is your meal badge, and your security ID. We have made every effort to isolate you from the general traffic of the school, but when you are on breaks you need to have the ID visible.

Please remember that not all schools have exactly the same rules. We will ask you to not hang out in the halls during the breaks. You may go listen to another rehearsal or remain in your rehearsal space. Bathrooms will be close by each rehearsal room and clearly marked. The South Portland Music Boosters will provide water for all rehearsal rooms. There will also be snacks for sale during breaks. There are three meals covered by the participation fee - we will be providing lunch and dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday. The Best Western Merry Manor, 700 Main St, So. Portland, 774-6151, has a complimentary breakfast each morning. The Best Western requires that the floors be quiet after 10 PM. Therefore, when you return to the hotel, you must be quiet during your social time. In accordance with MMEA policy, you must remain in the hotel with the chaperones. If you order food, it will need to be delivered by 11:00 PM - please coordinate with your chaperones...your directors can help you out by getting orders in early.

We look forward to meeting you all in January. Good luck with your preparation, and have a wonderful holiday and vacation.

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