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Dear Student Participant,

Congratulations! You have been selected to participate in the Tilles Festival Band at the 2018 LIU Post Band Festival at Tilles Center.

The Festival Band will be a large ensemble made up of members of the *LIU Post Wind Symphony* and selected high school musicians representing 34 different high schools across Long Island. You will be part of a large ensemble of approximately 180 players, and the quality will be outstanding. Conductors will include myself and internationally renowned composer and conductor Mark Camphouse. The mandatory rehearsal and concert schedule will be as follows (all to take place at Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, on the campus of LIU Post):

Tuesday, April 10, 6:00–9:00PM – *Festival Band Rehearsal* Thursday, April 12, 6:00–9:00PM – *Festival Band Rehearsal* Friday, April 13, 8:00PM – *Festival Concert*

All the above rehearsals are mandatory. Missing any of those for <u>any</u> reason will result in your being dismissed from the Festival. Your music will be mailed to your Band Director shortly and he/she will distribute that to you. In addition to the *Tilles Festival Band*, the Festival Concert will feature performances by the LIU Post Wind Symphony, Bay Shore High School Wind Ensemble, and the East Meadow High School Wind Ensemble. Our 2018 Composer-in-Residence Mark Camphouse will conduct five of his own works in the concert – one with our university wind band, one each with the guest High School wind bands, and two with the Tilles Festival Band. This will be a very exciting experience for everyone involved!

It is incredibly important that you take the time to be sure you are properly prepared on the festival music BEFORE the first rehearsal on April $10^{\rm th}$. Given that the university students in the LIU Post Wind Symphony will have rehearsed this music during February and March, they will be quite ready for the final rehearsals and concert. I want you to be equally ready, so you feel comfortable and confident. There are ample recordings on the internet of all the music we will be performing. Please be sure you spend a good amount of time practicing and listening to this music.

I'm looking forward to meeting and rehearsing with you. I'll see you on April 10th!

Sincerely,

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