Congratulations! Based on your application and your director's recommendation, you have been selected to participate in the 29th Annual Auburn University High School Honor Band Festival. The Festival is sponsored by the Auburn University Bands and the Department of Music and will be held in Auburn the weekend of February 6-8, 2020. The Festival will consist of four bands: the Wind Ensemble, the Symphonic Band, and the Tiger and Eagle Bands. We are very excited to announce that our guest conductors and clinicians will be composers Mark Camphouse and Larry Clark.

In order for you to participate in the Festival, we must receive your festival fee of \$65.00 by <u>next Friday</u>, <u>December 20, 2019</u>. If we have not received your payment by <u>December 20th</u>, and have not heard from you regarding your payment, we will assume that you do not wish to participate in the Festival and another student will be chosen as a replacement. You may pay online at the AU Bands <u>website</u>. If you prefer to pay by check, please make it out to AU Bands, and mail to AU High School Honor Band, 132 Goodwin Music Building, Auburn, AL 36849. Mailed checks must be postmarked by December 20th.

Release Form: The Honor Band Release Form can be found on the High School Honor Band page. It is to be completed, signed by your parent or guardian, and mailed, emailed, or faxed to the AU Band Office. Please scan and email the signed form to auhb@auburn.edu, or fax to 334-844-3170. If you prefer to mail it, the mailing address is 132 Goodwin Music Building, Auburn, AL 36849. Mailed release forms must be postmarked by Friday, December
20th-. Parents will be informed of any medical emergency and will be responsible for all medical expenses incurred. Students with special medical needs or problems should provide the Auburn University Band staff with a detailed written account. Auburn University is not liable in the event of an accident or personal injury.

Money: Your \$65.00 fee covers participation in the Festival only. Also included in that fee is a commemorative Festival T-Shirt and Festival medal. You should bring sufficient money for your hotel room, meals, snacks, souvenirs, etc.

Festival Finale Concert: The Festival will conclude by featuring all four Honor Bands in a Finale Concert in the Gogue Performing Arts Center on the campus of Auburn University at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 8, 2020. Families, friends, and directors of participating students are encouraged to attend this concert. Admission is free.

Reminder: Be sure that you pay the fee of \$65.00 by <u>Friday</u>, <u>December 20th</u>. If you are unable to attend the Festival, please notify us immediately so that we can offer the place reserved for you to someone else. (<u>Registration fees cannot</u> be refunded.)

Plan to check in for the honor band at Goodwin Music Building between 12:00 - 12:45pm on Thursday, Feb. 6th. Check our website and your email in the coming days and weeks for audition material, final schedule, and other details.

We look forward to having you with us for the 29th Annual Auburn University High School Honor Band Festival. We believe that it will be an enjoyable and rewarding weekend for everyone involved. If you have any questions, or if we can help you in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rick Good Auburn University Director of Bands

VERY IMPORTANT: To participate in the Auburn Honor Band Festival, you must attend **ALL** of the festival rehearsals, clinics, master classes and concerts. If you have any conflict which would necessitate missing any part of the Honor Band Festival, you **MAY NOT** participate in the Festival.