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Dear Directors:

Enclosed you will find music and information for the upcoming Zone IV Area All-State Music Festival at Ilion Junior-Senior High School on November 18-19, 2011. Please distribute the music and information to the appropriate directors in your district.

Please obtain the Area All-State Application forms from the NYSSMA web site at [www.nyssma.org](http://www.nyssma.org). Attach the students NYSSMA solo evaluation sheet to the application. (Enclosed is the selection process) Make sure all applications are mailed to the address above and post marked by September 30, 2011

The selection committee will meet Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 4:30pm at Ilion Junior-Senior High School. After that time, we will mail you a list of accepted students and their music.

This year's conductors are as follows:

Band: Dr. Brian Doyle from the Crane School of Music  
Chorus: Dr. Elisa Dekaney from Syracuse University  
Orchestra: Mr. Matthew Pendrak from Amhearst High School District

Rehearsals will be held Friday, November 18, 2011 from 2:00pm-7:00pm and Saturday, November 19, 2011 from 9:00am – 3:00pm. The concert will be Saturday, November 19, 2011 at 3:00pm in the gymnasium.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact at the address, by email, or numbers above. We look forward to working with you and your students.

Sincerely,

*Mark Bunce*

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## NYSSMA Zone 4 Area All State Selection Process

Selection of students for Area All-State Festivals is left up to the individual zones.

In Zone 4 students are selected on the basis of information given on NYSSMA Area All-State Application Forms; by NYSSMA Evaluation Scores and music director's recommendation.

Students in grades 9-12 are eligible to participate in the Area All State chorus, band or orchestra.

An applicant must be a participating member of his or her corresponding school music organization at the time of the evaluation and at the time of the applicant's membership in the Area All State organization.

Selection committee uses the highest of the past 2 years scores - both evaluation sheets should be attached to application.

Selection committee uses the Area All State Rating Sheet (see attached sheet)

We alternate strong wind/percussion between orchestra and band every other year. (orchestra has the top scores this year).

We have had a shortage in many of the wind sections the past few years.

If you are sending percussion students please be specific on application to the instrument(s) the student is able to play.

## Area All-State Selection Process

Students will be selected for Area All-State groups in the following order:

1. **All students accepted in Conference All-State as participants or alternates will be automatically accepted.**
2. All **All-State A+** numerically i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> - 100, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 99, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 98, 4<sup>th</sup> - 97
3. All **Level 6 A+** numerically i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> - 100, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 99, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 98, 4<sup>th</sup> - 97
4. All **All-State A** numerically i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> - 96, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 95, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 94, 4<sup>th</sup> - 93
5. All **Level 6A** numerically i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> - 96, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 95, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 94, 4<sup>th</sup> - 93
6. All **All-State A-** numerically i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> - 92, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 91, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 90
7. All **Level 5 A+** numerically
8. All **Level 6 A-** numerically
9. All **All-State B+** numerically i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> - 89, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 88, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 87
10. All **Level 5 A** numerically
11. All **Level 5 A-** numerically
12. All **All-State B** numerically i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> - 86, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 85, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 84, 4<sup>th</sup> - 83
13. All **Level 6 B** numerically
14. All **Level 4 O** numerically i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> - 28, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 27, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 26, 4<sup>th</sup> - 25
15. All **Level 5 B+** numerically
16. **Teacher Recommendation** - Submit Area All-State application forms and attach other substantiation of ability i.e. an previous NYSSMA/or other evaluation forms.