March 11, 2020

Dear Students, Staff, Parents, Friends, and Communities,

Due to the rising concern over the spread of COVID-19 the Maine Band Directors’ Association will be suspending the remainder of activities this year following Sunday’s competition at Biddeford High School. This has not been an easy decision but we take the health and safety of the communities we serve very seriously. The students involved in our programs have been working so very hard since November on their winter season so our plan is to have Sunday be finals instead of a regular season show. Participants will receive medals for their performance as they would during a normal finals event. Our goal is to honor the students’ hard work and give them closure to their season. The concert band festival scheduled for the end of March is canceled. An email to all registered schools will be sent from the host about a possible online alternative. If you do not receive that email by next week please reach out to Mrs. Richardson at Scarborough High School

If there is a confirmed case in the state of Maine between now and Sunday, this decision will be revisited and we may need to make a different decision. Please check our website http://mebda.org for any updates as well as the Maine Band Directors’ Association Facebook page.

It is important to note that we are doing our best to balance and respect the health and safety of our students while honoring their desire to compete and be rewarded for their efforts. We respectively ask that if you or any family member is showing signs of any illness regardless of the nature of that illness that you stay home and do not attend Sunday’s competition. Please help us keep this a safe and healthy event for our students.

Sincerely,

David Graichen
President - MBDA