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Dear Director,

We are beginning to make plans for our 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Danville High School Viking Invitational Marching Contest. This year the Invitational will be held on Saturday September 19, 2009. We thank those who have participated in recent years for making the past Invitationals a big success.

Included with this mailing is an application for the festival. Please fill it out and send it back to the address at the top of this letter. We hope you will be able to join us this year. If it is easier for you, please e-mail me and I will e-mail back a Word Document file that you can fill in and e-mail back to me.

We are in the process of securing a top-notch judging panel to give you the *best feedback* possible to help you reach your full potential throughout the season. As of now, I can confirm that we will have Mr. Barry Houser, Director of Athletic Bands at Eastern Illinois University, Dr. Joseph Manfredo, Assistant Professor of Music Education at the University of Illinois, Dr. David Vroman, Director of Bands at Bradley University, and Mr. Peter Hussey, Assistant Professor of Music and Percussion at Lewis and Clark Community College. In addition, bands will be receiving a DVD recording of their performance, and as in past years, judges comments will be burned to CDs for you to have.

The Danville contest is perhaps one of the longest running events in the Midwest and has a great history of excellence. We would love to have a great slate of bands entered to help continue that tradition.

Thanks again for all of your hard work and efforts to promote music education in our schools and communities. We hope to see you the 19th of September for the Viking Invitational.

Sincerely,

Brad Leeb, Director