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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE !

ISSMA REGIONAL MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL

One hundred twenty-two (122) high school marching bands will participate at the ISSMA Regional Marching Festival to be held on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at four regional sites. These Regional sites will be held at Chesterton High School (Class C & A), Lafayette Jefferson High School (Class D & B), Indiana State University/Terre Haute (Class C & A), and Evansville Central High School (Class D & B). These bands qualified for regional status when they received a Gold Rating at one of the seven District sites on October 3. Each band is entered in one of four classes A, B, C, D according to school size.

The Regional Festival, administered by the Indiana State School Music Association, Inc. (ISSMA), will determine the eighty (80) bands for the Semi-State Marching Festival on Saturday, October 24, 2009, which will be held at four Central Indiana sites.

The composite schedules for each of these sites are available on our website at www.issma.net

Please check this website for updated information throughout the marching season. Please feel free to contact our office for any further information or clarification.

(Press Releases for Semi-State and State Marching Band Finals will be forthcoming.)

The Indiana State School Music Association, Inc. (ISSMA) values media coverage of the activities and successes of participating organizations at all ISSMA events. ISSMA also values and respects the need to maintain a secure and safe environment for participants, and strives to cooperate and comply with the policies of schools and programs that participate in ISSMA events.

To enter this Regional event, Media representatives are required to present their own press identification for admittance. Media representatives are expected to respect the boundaries and limitations set forth by the Association.

Photographers and videographers should seek out the music teacher or the music teacher's designee to have individuals from a school identified. This is to protect the privacy of students whose parents have opted not to have their children portrayed in the media for privacy or safety reasons. Students will be instructed not to identify other students when requested by the media, because students will not know the names of those who have requested no media coverage.

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