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Dear Music Parents/Guardians,

The Baldwin Fine & Performing Arts Department will participate in the NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) Solo Festivals held in the Spring of 2024. Our participation in these festivals is designed to augment our music program and expose our students to opportunities to be evaluated by a trained adjudicator and potentially participate in NYSSMA All County Ensembles the following year.

The solo festival is operated by NYSSMA and requires a registration fee to be paid by each participating student. Students can only register to perform in the festival through their school music teacher. The fee schedule is listed on the Application Form. The Baldwin School District accepts payments for the NYSSMA Festival by way of www.myschoolbucks.com. MySchoolBucks is an online service available at our district website which accepts payments by credit card. Please log on to your school's website, select MySchoolBucks and follow the prompts making sure to pay for the appropriate level NYSSMA solo. Music teachers can access daily updates indicating which students have paid for their NYSSMA performance, and once the payment is received and the registration form is handed in, the teacher can register the student.

Each student must have two copies of the solo piece they have prepared, one for themselves and one for the adjudicator. The school does not have multiple copies of solos for students and in most cases the student obtains the music from their private teacher or purchases the music. Your child's music teacher can give you more information about the process and answer any questions you may have about the application and the festival.

*****Very Important** – Appointment times for the solo performance will be scheduled according to the festival dates listed on the registration form. The appointment time may be scheduled any time between the hours of 3:30 PM and 9:30 PM on a weekday and between 9 AM and 4 PM on a Saturday. You may indicate an appointment request, however it is recommended that you provide a window of opportunity – for example: after 2 PM or before 12 noon, in order to increase your chances of having your request honored. There are no guarantees.

Sincerely,

André H. Poprilo