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Dear Colleague:

My name is Wade Howles, and I have the privilege of serving as the Jazz Chair for the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association. I am writing with an update on the 2024 NSBA State Jazz Festival.

We are excited to be able to host the 2024 NSBA State Jazz Festival in person once again this year! The NSBA State Jazz Festival will take place on **Thursday, April 11th and Friday, April 12th 2024**. This year's festival will be held at Elkhorn South High School. The middle school portion of the event will run on **Thursday, April 11th** and the high school portion will run on **Friday, April 12th**. Bands may register for comments only, for comments and a rating, or for the full competition portion. All performances are limited to 25-minutes followed by a 25-minute clinic (clinic will not be on stage). Our goal is to keep all bands in each class grouped together throughout the day however we will do our best to accommodate your needs when possible. As always, some schedule readjustments may be necessary.

The entry fee to participate is \$200. Only directors that are current members of NSBA are eligible to participate in the State Jazz Festival so please ensure that your membership is up-to-date. Please complete one entry for each ensemble you plan to register. Registration is due by **February 5th, 2024**. Entries will be accepted in the order that they are received. Your school will be placed on a wait list if your registration is submitted after the maximum number of schools has been reached.

I sincerely hope that you are able to join us for this fun and educational event. To register your band for this Festival, please follow this link:

<https://forms.gle/n2pArcp35X6y4kTP8>

We have an outstanding lineup of clinicians and judges for this year's festival! They are:

Clinicians/Judges:

Dr. Andrew Janak, Saxophone, University of Northern Colorado
Dr. Bill Richardson, Trumpet, Northwest Missouri State University
Bob Long, Saxophone, Missouri Western State University
Shawn Bell, Trombone, Omaha Performing Arts
Ben Gervais, Percussion, KCMO Freelance

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions, concerns, recommendations or requests.

Sincerely,

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