

October 29, 2010

Dear Chamber Orchestra Families:

Our ensemble has a special opportunity this year! E. Daniel Long, a leader in the world of music education and a tremendous conductor, has requested that Millard North Orchestra participate in his presentation at the 2010 NMEA Convention in Lincoln, NE.

I understand this is short notice; I just received the final details from the NMEA coordinators yesterday. Here are the details:

**Performance Time:** Friday, November 19, 1:30 p.m.

**Location:** Westbrook Music Building Room 130, UN-L

**Departure Time:** 11:15 a.m. – Millard North Orchestra Room

**Transportation:** Charter bus

**Dress Code:** Concert black as outlined in the orchestra handbook

**Bring:** Your good instrument and music and a sack lunch to eat on the way

**Returning:** Your performance will end around 2:30 p.m. at which time you will load the bus and return to Millard North by 3:45.

**Students involved in All-State Ensembles:** Will be excused from rehearsal to participate in this event.

When we arrive in Lincoln, we will have time to set up, warm up and tune. Mr. Long will use the orchestra as a demonstration group for rehearsal techniques. He states: "What a pleasure it will be to work with your students. Please assure them I will not put them on the spot (individually). I want this to be a positive experience for them as well as those in attendance. I have one bit of advice for the students--be themselves, don't be shy, be ready to give their opinions, be willing to try some (hopefully) new things and enjoy the day out of school."

Thank you for participating in this event! As an educator, I can say how helpful it is to see rehearsal techniques in a "real life" setting. It's also a great way to show other educators what we have here at Millard North! Go ahead and complete the signature sheet attached and get your assignments done early. Return it by Friday, November 5. If you have questions, let me know – 715-1513, [djmartin@mpsomaha.org](mailto:djmartin@mpsomaha.org).

Sincerely,

Mrs. Martinez