

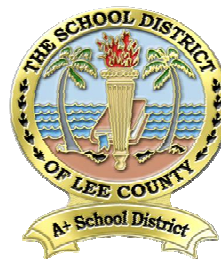
PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: MARCHING BAND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

WHO: The 2009 Florida Bandmasters Association and 20 Lee, Collier and Hendry county high school marching bands

WHAT: Marching Band Music Performance Assessment

WHERE: Fort Myers High School Football Stadium, 2635 Cortez Blvd.

WHEN: 2 – 8:30 p.m. Saturday, November 7th (performances will take place every 15 minutes)

WHY: The Music Performance Assessment, or MPA, is an evaluation tool for district bands to receive comments and ratings from professional music educators. Bands do not compete against each other, they are graded on a five-division rating scale; Superior, Excellent, Good, Fair, and Poor. Five adjudicators evaluate the music, marching, general effect, and auxiliaries (flags, rifles, majorettes, etc.).

The public is invited to watch the bands performing intricate marching routines, eye-catching visual pageantry and hear exciting musical selections. General admission is \$7 at the gate.

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