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Dear Percussionist and Family:

Thank you for registering for the 2018 MOBILE PERCUSSION SEMINAR at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. It should prove to be quite an exciting week! This packet contains all the necessary information you will need before arriving in Amherst on July 28th. A campus map is also enclosed to help you locate where your assigned dormitory will be. *READ THE INFORMATION ENCLOSED IN THIS PACKET* and have your parents read it. You will be responsible for everything included here.

I hope that the Seminar is lots of fun for those that attend. I would also like to emphasize that our primary purpose throughout the week will be to develop you into the best percussionist and student leader you can be. Please be certain you are both physically and mentally prepared to devote 100% of your energies toward the accomplishment of this goal.

Students will use two books throughout the Seminar: **"A Percussionist's Guide to Check Patterns"** textbook, **"Championship Concepts For Marching Percussion"** student workbook. Those enrolled in the Section Leader Track will also be utilizing the **"Championship Concepts For Marching Percussion"** textbook. Please be sure to bring these books if you already own them; otherwise, copies will be sold during registration on Saturday. The two textbooks are \$20.00 each and the student workbook is \$5.00.

The MPS Staff and I are very excited about the Twenty-Eighth Annual MOBILE PERCUSSION SEMINAR and we are sure that you will have an experience you won't forget. If this is your first MPS, I look forward to meeting you! If you are a returning student, welcome back for another great Seminar week! If you have any questions, please contact our Assistant Business Manager, Sally Johnson, at sallyjohnson81@gmail.com.

Best wishes,

Thom Hannum, Mobile Percussion Seminar Director