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Dear Educator,

On May 13 the All-Ohio State Fair Band has been invited to perform at the Groundbreaking Event for Expo 2050 at the Ohio Expo Center & State Fair. It is an honor to be asked to take part when Gov. DeWine, numerous Ohio dignitaries, elected officials, and Ohio State Fair leadership put shovel to dirt to ceremoniously start a 25-year massive overhaul of the historic Ohio State Fair.

This letter is to inform you that a member of the All-Ohio State Fair Band, who is a student at your school, will be taking part in the performance. It is our hope that this experience will not only be educational but will impact upon the student the importance of civic involvement and the sharing of their talent.

The staff of the All-Ohio State Fair Band appreciates your willingness to permit your student to take part. It is understood that the student will miss the entire day of school on May 13. This will allow time for the student to arrive at The Ohio State Fair by 8am and be part of a rehearsal and performance which will conclude in early afternoon. Each individual is expected to make up all work that is missed in classes. Finally, the organization recognizes that this is a busy time of year and that students may not be able to be excused if their attendance at school rehearsals or events is required.

Please contact my colleague, Ed Gallagher, the Band's Director of Operations at [e.gallagher@expo.ohio.gov](mailto:e.gallagher@expo.ohio.gov) or 216.470.0654 with questions, comments, or concerns.

Many thanks for your support,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian W. Dodd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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