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Dear South-Doyle Band Families,

My name is Mr. Danny Mull and I am honored to be your next Director of Bands. The South-Doyle Band has a long-standing tradition of excellence and I want you to know it is my intention to continue this tradition. It is evident there is a strong sense of pride and community surrounding this program and I am eager to become a part of it. I am excited to have the opportunity to work with so many students, parents, and administrators who are committed to the band and the advancement of music education.

I want you to know that I have been working diligently with the school administration, band booster association, assistant directors Mr. Payne and Mrs. Carnes, as well as Mr. Taylor to allow for a smooth transition. I certainly understand that change and new leadership might be a point of concern or apprehension for some. However, I can assure you that I am committed to giving you my absolute best and that I love this activity just as much as you do! I hope you will continue to be a valued member of this great organization and will encourage others to do so as well.

I must also be frank with you concerning the outlook for this Fall. The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic will inevitably have some impact on our Fall season. While band camp is still scheduled for July 20th, the county will not be making a decision regarding instruction for the fall until July 15th. As of right now we are planning to move forward as usual, but it is likely that we will have to follow certain guidelines to ensure the safety and well-being of all individuals involved. The county has formed a Marching Band Advisory Group to offer leadership on this subject to the county band directors. It is my intention to follow any guidelines that are provided by the advisory group or Knox County Schools.

I wish that I could say I have all the answers, but unfortunately, I do not. There is a great deal that is simply just unknown right now. Embarking upon a new year with a new director in the midst of a pandemic could certainly be viewed as an incredible challenge. However, I strongly believe it is one that we can tackle head on together. The word responsibility can be broken down into two words: “response” and “ability”. Therefore, responsibility is the result of our “ability to respond” to certain situations and challenges. I encourage you to consider how you can be a part of this great organization for 2020-2021 and let us do this together!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mull