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Dear South-Doyle Band Families,

I hope that you all have been well. I have been working in the band room the past two weeks and the empty space has been very lonely. I look forward to the room being filled with excited students who are eager to make music! I know there is a great deal of excitement as well as anxiety for both parents and students regarding the start of this school year. All of us teachers are equally excited and anxious as we prepare to teach and engage with our students in new ways.

This afternoon I met with Coach Duncan, our Athletic Director, to discuss the scope of what football season may look like this year. I was informed that our **first home game is next Saturday, August 22nd against Fulton**. Though we have not had a camp or any rehearsals yet, I would very much like for us to plan to be there. Mr. Duncan has expressed unwavering support for our band program and in return, I want our band to support the athletic program in any way we can. **Therefore, we will hold two rehearsals next week to prepare for this game**. I realize that this is extremely short notice. Many of the details regarding football season did not come to my attention until this week and many are still fluid. I also realize that with this being a Saturday game before school starts that some of you may not be able to attend. I certainly understand the weight of what I am asking, but please make every effort to attend the rehearsals next week and the game next Saturday. For our community and our school, it's important for us to be there in whatever capacity we are able.

Rehearsal Dates & Times:

- **Tuesday, August 18th from 5:00 - 8:00 PM**
- **Thursday, August 20th from 5:00 - 8:00 PM.**

My goal for these rehearsals is to get instruments and music in students' hands so we can have something prepared for this game. My primary focus will be the Fight Song, National Anthem, Cherokee Fanfare ("The Chop"), and a few pep tunes. It will also be an opportunity to teach some marching fundamentals to our new members so that we can potentially march to the stadium or do pre-game. We will work on half-time later.

I will send out a rehearsal schedule with more details tomorrow. **According to KCS guidelines, wind instruments are not permitted to play indoors so all wind instrument rehearsals will take place outside. Students must bring and wear a mask indoors and we must make every effort to social distance when possible.**

For my planning, please complete this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/MyNzV8mRKStuQNTz9>. This form is separate from the Marching Band Interest Form. I hope to see you all soon, and in the meantime, stay well.

Musically,

Daniel J. Mull

Mr. Mull