



MEMO

October 26, 2011

FROM: Dr. SHELDON BERMAN

TO: TEACHERS

As you prepare for your winter holiday concerts, I'd like to ask that you be sensitive to the diversity represented in your classrooms and in the community we serve. Please adhere to these guidelines when selecting your winter holiday concert music:

1. Select repertory based on musical and educational value. Your repertory may include traditional or seasonal holiday music, but you should avoid sacred music that could be perceived as promoting or inhibiting religious views of students, staff, or the public.
2. Foster a climate in which each child can learn and appreciate a variety of cultures and heritages.
3. Observe all policies, mission statements and student goals used by the Eugene Public Schools.
4. Show a diversity of repertory throughout the school year that includes a variety of styles and historical periods without emphasis on religious music.

If you are responsible for creating a program during the winter holiday season, I'd like to request that you submit an email copy of the concert program(s) for any performances you have scheduled in our school(s) during the three weeks before Winter Break. Please send them to Richard Long long_r@4j.lane.edu, 4J's Music Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA).

Please submit your programs no later than Friday, November 4. Concert programs will be reviewed. Once reviewed, we will approve the program or offer feedback.

Our intent is not only to show respect for students and the community but to honor your work in the classroom, knowing we all desire to have our holiday concerts educational and entertaining.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sheldon Berman, Superintendent
Eugene School District 4J