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Dear Superintendent,

In December 2009, the National Staff Development Council will hold the organizations' 41st national conference in St. Louis, Missouri at the America's Center. The conference "Gateway to Learning" will provide a forum for educational learning for approximately 4,000 educators from across the country and international learning community.

The host committee for the conference is comprised of educators from across Missouri. Throughout the conference, there will be opportunities to showcase the outstanding work and talent of students. One of the ways to accomplish this is by featuring different musical/entertainment groups at conference general sessions. The groups will perform 5- 7 minutes in front of all conference attendees prior to the keynote speakers. These performances are always a highlight of the conference program.

The committee has a tough decision. We must select the groups to showcase to our colleagues. We know there are many outstanding musical groups throughout the state. It is important to select groups that represent the wonderful diversity of our state. To achieve that goal, we are asking choral, orchestra, and band directors interested in being considered for a spot on the program to submit a nomination form and a sample (demonstration) performance recording. This will enable our committee to review all the groups under consideration and create a program that is representative of our students' educational experiences and cultural background.

We invite your performance directors to send the attached application with a demonstration recording to:

c/o NSDC Host Committee
Brian Garner
Ladue Middle School or bgarner@Ladue.K12.Mo.US
9701 Conway Road
Ladue, Missouri, 63124

The deadline for submission is July 15, 2009.

The National Staff Development Council will contribute \$250.00 to each musical program selected for general sessions. The council recognizes this may not cover all costs associated with the performance but hopes it will help fray some of the cost. The council continues to look for sponsors to assist with additional costs but can make no promises with regard to this solution. It is important that all groups who choose to participate understand that they may have additional costs related to their performance.

We are excited about this opportunity to showcase the talent of our youth and we hope that you and your school district will take this opportunity to participate in this national event by sharing the talent in your district with educators from around the globe.

Sincerely,

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