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Dear Fellow Music Lovers,

It is my pleasure to congratulate these outstanding ensembles from Lafayette Senior High School for being selected to perform at the 2024 Kentucky Music Educators Association State Conference. It is indeed a remarkable honor for all three ensembles to be invited to perform at this prestigious event, showcasing the exceptional musical talent and dedication of Lafayette's students, staff, and community.

The Lafayette Chamber Orchestra, Madrigal Singers, and Wind Symphony, under the exemplary leadership of Phil Kent, Ryan Marsh, and Dee Bishop, have consistently demonstrated a commitment to artistic excellence. The support of additional directors and conductors, including Aaron Breeck, Laura Howard, Aaron Jones, and Dr. Chris Strange underscores the collaborative and comprehensive nature of Lafayette's music community. Their contributions, combined with high levels of expertise and expectations of excellence, have played a pivotal role in the success and recognition these ensembles have achieved.

Lafayette High School's fine arts programs, with a rich tradition dating back to the school's inception in 1939, have consistently upheld a standard of excellence. Each program is award-winning, with ensembles and individual students who are successful on state, national, and even international stages. The ensembles are composed of voracious learners who avail themselves of Lafayette's diverse musical options, including six vocal ensembles; multiple string, band, percussion, and jazz ensembles; piano; and music technology, in addition to the other art disciplines featured at Lafayette High School.

With over 60% of Lafayette students enrolled in fine arts courses and over 500 in music classes, Lafayette High School stands as a testament to the belief that the arts are for everyone. The students performing this week represent a small portion of a diverse and talented student body who have chosen to dedicate themselves to the musical arts—with outstanding results.

The Fayette County Public Schools Department of Fine Arts extends a heartfelt congratulations to the Lafayette Chamber Orchestra, Madrigal Singers, and Wind Symphony on their well-deserved invitations to perform this week. I am confident that these performances will be nothing short of extraordinary, leaving a lasting impression on all who have the privilege of experiencing the musical brilliance of Lafayette High School.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine J. Lowther".

Katherine J. Lowther  
Director of Fine Arts

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