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Greetings music lovers! You are certainly in for a treat today when the 38 members of the Lafayette High School Madrigal Singers take the stage.

Led by a team of incredible music educators, these talented student choristers have prepared an exciting program inspired by the way music touches our hearts and stirs our spirits. With a carefully curated set list that spans nine centuries and intertwines a variety of styles, the ensemble will give voice to composers and poets too often silenced. We hope you will find inspiration and meaning as these texts and themes combine to capture the essence of the human experience and celebrate our connection to one another.

In the Fayette County Public Schools, we pride ourselves on offering a full complement of academic and co-curricular opportunities that give students avenues to discover and cultivate their gifts and talents. A robust music education program is part of our commitment to educating the whole child by providing experiences that encourage creativity, imagination, and intellectual curiosity.

The fine arts program at Lafayette High School has a long-standing tradition of excellence, which continues today with the outstanding achievement of their Madrigal Singers being selected a third time to perform for the American Choral Directors Association Southern Division conference.

Under the expert guidance of Director of Choirs Ryan Marsh, and School for the Creative and Performing Arts Vocal Instructor and Director Laura Howard, the group earned this well-deserved distinction through their dedication to personal excellence, long hours of rehearsal, love of music, and extraordinary commitment to not only improving their individual skills but also collaborating harmoniously as an ensemble.

The students who will be performing for you this afternoon are wonderful ambassadors for Lafayette High School, their families, and the Fayette County Public Schools, and we are proud to have them represent us. Years of classroom learning, family support, and individual practice will converge on the concert stage today as students embrace this opportunity to express themselves through song.

If, as Hans Christian Andersen observed, “where words fail, music speaks,” it is clear that our students have a lot to say.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Demetrus Liggins".

Demetrus Liggins, PhD
Fayette County Public Schools Superintendent

