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- (A) Report Only Recognition

Presenter(s): JOHN COX, DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT FOR CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION
 MARIO ESCOBAR, MEMORIAL JUNIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL

Briefly describe the subject of the report or recognition presentation.

RECOGNITION OF MEMORIAL JUNIOR HIGH BAND DIRECTOR MR. JORGE VARGAS, FOR HIS COMPOSITION, "RED GIANT" WHICH WILL BE PERFORM AT THE MIDWEST CLINIC INTERNATIONAL BAND AND ORCHESTRA CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO ON DECEMBER 2021.

- (B) Action Items

Presenters(s):

Briefly describe the action required.

- (C) **Funding source: Identify the source of funds if any are required.**


- (D) **Clarification: Explain any question or issues that might be raised regarding this item.**

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Memorandum

To: Mr. Samuel Mijarez, EPISD Superintendent
From: Mr. Mario Escobar, Memorial Jr. High Principal 
Date: November, 27, 2021
RE: Recognition of Mr. J. Vargas, Memorial Band Director

I was informed by Mr. J. Vargas, Memorial Jr. High Band Director, that one of his music compositions (Red Giant) has been selected to be played at the Midwest Clinic International Band, Orchestra and Music Conference. The conference will be held in Chicago on December 15-18. The conference is the largest music conference in the United States, with over 18,000 people attending from all over the world. The composition will be performed by the Keller Wind ensemble from Keller, Texas.

The music that is performed at the Midwest Clinic is very carefully selected by each group, which makes it a truly special event for the composers. It is indeed a great honor for each composer to hear their music performed at the Midwest Clinic, and it is extremely rare for a Hispanic composer to have his music performed at this event. Mr. Vargas is very honored to represent the city of Eagle Pass, Eagle Pass ISD, and Memorial Jr. High.

I truly believe that Mr. Vargas's accomplishments and commitment to his craft needs to be recognized by our community. Mr. Vargas is being rewarded for his hard work and attention to detail that has characterized his love of music. We are extremely honored to have such a recognized talent teaching our students and being part of our staff.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience. I am honored to recognize Mr. Vargas for his accomplishments.

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Approved by: Mr. John Cox, Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

Eagle Pass ISD would like to take this time to applaud and congratulate, Memorial Junior High Band Director Mr. Jorge Vargas, for his grand accomplishment with his composition, "Red Giant".

Mr. Vargas' work will be performed at the Midwest Clinic International Band and Orchestra Conference. The conference will be held in Chicago on December 15-18. The Midwest Clinic International Band and Orchestra Conference is the largest music conference in the United States, with over 18,000 people attending from all over the world.

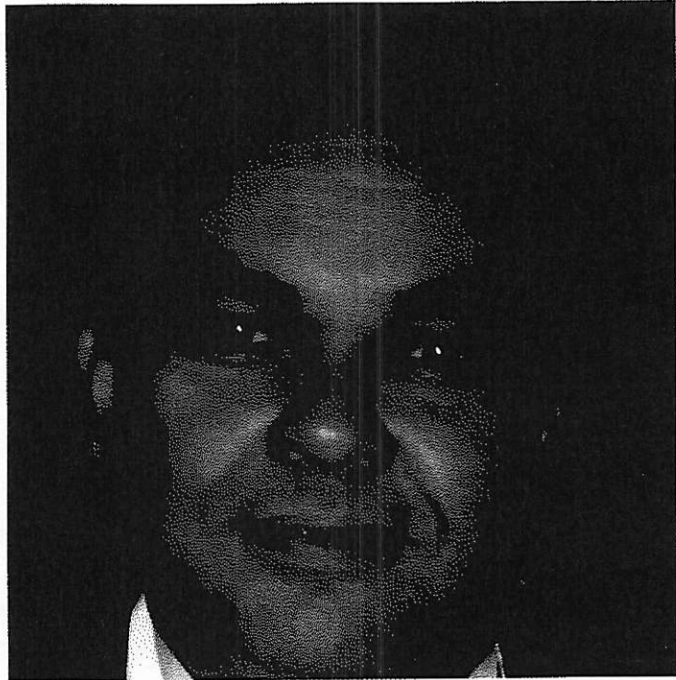
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It is indeed a great honor for each composer to hear their music performed at the Midwest Clinic, and it is extremely rare for a Hispanic composer to have his music performed at this event. This recognition is similar to someone getting their artwork displayed at the Smithsonian!

Mr. Vargas stated, "I am very honored to represent the city of Eagle Pass and the Eagle Pass Independent School District with my music, and now everyone at the conference will know where I am from."

Mr. Vargas' other accomplishments include a string orchestra composition that is on the Prescribed Music List and band composition, "Luna Y Fuego", that was listed on the Bandworld Top 100 Band Songs of 2020.

Congratulations Mr. Vargas and thank you for being an inspiration to your students and colleagues alike!



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