

Agenda Item F - Recognitions and Celebrations

MINEOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND



The Mineola Middle School Varsity Band recently received honors at the **State level** of the Outstanding Performances Series (OPS) Competition. In May, bands who are a part of the ATSSB (Association of Texas Small School Bands) submit their UIL Contest recordings to be judged in the OPS competition. The recordings go through 3 levels of competition - Region, Area, and State, competing against other bands who are in the same classification. At each level, there is a March category and a Concert category and they are judged by a panel of band directors. At the Region level, the MMS Band's March got 1st, and the Concert pieces received 1st and 3rd, all 3 pieces advancing to the Area level. At Area, the March got 1st and the Concert pieces 1st and 2nd, sending all 3 songs to the State level. No other band in the Class C portion of the contest had all 3 UIL recordings advance all the way to the State contest. At the State level of competition, MMS's March, "General Greene" received 1st place. In the Concert portion of the contest, "Seregenti Dreams" received 7th, and "Odyssey" received runner up. "General Greene March" and "Odyssey" will each be placed on the 2015 Outstanding Performances Series Winners CD which will be sent to band directors all over the state of Texas. This is the first time that Mineola Middle School has entered the Outstanding Performance Series Competition. The Mineola Middle School Varsity Band is under the direction of Melissa Fisher, along with Jim Best and MHS Director Chris Brannan.