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Dear Parent(s):

We congratulate your child on their recent acceptance to a New Jersey Youth Symphony orchestra or ensemble for the 2010-2011 season! Included with this letter are instructions for accepting our invitation to participate.

As you will see when reviewing the materials, tuition for the coming season has increased by 10% from 2009-2010 rates. It has been 2 years since we had a rate increase. This was a difficult decision; however we and the board have concluded it is a necessity if we are to remain fiscally prudent. NJYS, like virtually every other arts organization, faces substantial challenges in generating external funding in the current difficult economic environment. Our overriding objective is to maintain our high-level of programming and quality instruction. For more than three decades, we have been educating New Jersey's young musicians in orchestral and instrumental music, and thousands of students have participated in our programs. In order to continue to fulfill our goals of inspiring young people to great music-making, and instilling a life-long love of music, we must be proactive and make the hard choices that will benefit the organization overall. NJYS continues to be an outstanding value for the money.

To help our families, NJYS will continue to provide opportunities for scholarships, as well as convenient monthly or quarterly payment plans. We have also eliminated the "convenience fee" for credit card payments.

We also feel compelled to reach out for every possibly volunteer effort you might be able to offer. Every volunteer hour donated goes a long way to helping us keep costs down. There are ample opportunities to participate in meaningful and enjoyable ways, which we will share in future communications.

Finally, you have our pledge that we will continue to do our best to maintain NJYS' position as one of the state's premier institutions for orchestral and instrumental music education. We are excited to offer your child a position with NJYS, and are happy to have you as part of the NJYS family.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Linda Onorevole Annett in black ink.

Linda Onorevole Annett
Executive Director

Handwritten signature of David Commanday in black ink.

David Commanday
Artistic Director