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Date: October 10, 2024 at 2:39:19 PM EDT
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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Formal Request: BGSU Band Performance

Hey Derek,

I hope your week is off to a good start. I'm circling back on your formal request, although I know our Presidents have spoken at length. Thanks for your patience.

Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate your band performing at halftime due to our [Varsity T Hall of Fame](#) programming. We will reserve the limited time remaining for our band's performance.

I hate that we couldn't accommodate you this year, but we will try to avoid this gameday conflict in the future.

Our ticket office has section 27 (518 seats) reserved for your band. I realize that band members typically take up 1.5-2 seats per member, but given the outstanding ticket demand for this game, we are unable to expand this footprint.

We look forward to an amazing day. This rivalry being played on a Saturday is incredible for our community, institutions, and both fanbases.

Look forward to seeing you at MAC AD meetings next week, and good luck against NIU this weekend.

Go Rockets!

Bryan

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From: Toledo AD

Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 11:22 AM

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Thanks, Derek. I will circle back shortly with an answer.

Please note that we are honoring our Hall of Fame honorees during halftime of that game.

Bryan

From: Maxwell Heeke <mheeke@bgsu.edu> **On Behalf Of** Derek Folkert van der Merwe

Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 11:08 AM

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Bryan,

Congratulations on your great start to the year. We are looking forward to our exciting matchup this fall!

Per MAC policy, we are formally requesting permission for our band to perform during the game at the Glass Bowl. Traditionally the visiting band has performed at halftime and we would like to continue that tradition. Our band Director, Jon Water, has been in touch with yours to discuss preliminary details. At your convenience, please let us know if you approve of our band performing during our game on October 26th.

Ay Ziggy,

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