



# ***OAK GROVE BANDS***

***THE SOUND OF GRIZZLY PRIDE***

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Marching Band Parents, Students, and Staff,

As many of you have just heard, the North Carolina High School Athletic Association has announced that fall sports will be pushed much later and some even into the spring. The high school football season will now run from February 8 – April 9.

This certainly raises many questions for us from a band standpoint, including the fact that January through mid-March is the prime Concert MPA preparation and performance time for high school bands.

This afternoon and tomorrow, I will be meeting with school and district administration as well as the other high school band directors from our county to get more information and discuss plans for moving forward. It is my goal to get a plan and updated schedule to you by Friday.

For now, please feel free to email or “Remind” me any questions or concerns you may have but keep in mind that as of this moment, your guess is as good as mine. I do not like to say that, ever, but right now these are totally uncharted waters for us in the band world. I want you to know that I remain dedicated to providing the best and most meaningful musical experience for our students at Oak Grove. I appreciate your dedication and patience as we continue to figure all this out.

*Mike Howell* 

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