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Dear School Administrator,

Northern Valley Youth Orchestras, based in Grand Forks, is a non-profit music education program. As part of our mission we are sending our student groups on outreach tours in the surrounding community, to bring symphonic music to those who might not otherwise hear it. On February 21<sup>st</sup>, the NVYO Philharmonic orchestra will be playing for students in East Grand Forks, Grafton, and Mayville public schools.

The following student, \_\_\_\_\_ is a member of your student body, and a valuable member of the NVYO Philharmonic orchestra. I wanted to make you aware that he/she will be missing school on February 21st to participate in this event. Since the musicians will be receiving important musical education and serving the community through outreach and performance, please consider excusing this absence.

If you need further explanation, or have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your support of music and the arts in education.

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Executive Director

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