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TO: DR. RIGGLE
FROM: PAUL PRYMA & BRIAN WEGLEY
SUBJECT: HEAD DIRECTOR OF THE GLENBROOK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
DATE: 1/19/2011

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Kristin Schmitt-Wagner has been selected to replace the retiring Mr. Carl Meyer as Head Director of the Glenbrook Symphony Orchestra. The selection process began in November 2010. A national search rendered seventy-three candidates winnowed to four finalists leading to the selection of Ms. Schmitt-Wagner. The selection committee sought input from students, parents, and orchestra professionals both within the district and beyond.

In the five years assisting Mr. Meyer in the orchestra program, two as instructional assistant before earning her teaching post three years ago, Ms. Schmitt-Wagner has won the confidence of her students and their parents, has developed powerful relationships with department colleagues at both Glenbrook North and Glenbrook South, and partnered with Mr. Meyer to provide District 225 students with a most extraordinary orchestral educational experience.

Ms. Schmitt-Wagner is an intensely passionate educator who genuinely understands the power and beauty of music and its profound influence in the lives of her students. This past summer Kristin was selected from a pool of hundreds to participate in the Julliard Conducting Fellowship program in New York in her quest to prepare herself as an arranger and conductor. Her artistic commitment to her musical craft combined with her inspiring approach to education excited the selection committee and clarified their decision to hand the reigns of the District 225 Orchestra program to Kristin Schmitt-Wagner.

As you know, the position of Head Director of the Glenbrook Symphony Orchestra is an extracurricular post, but given its importance to the district, we felt obliged to inform you and the Board of this decision. With the selection of Kristin Schmitt-Wagner we can now focus on the process of filling the orchestra teaching position which will be vacated by Carl Meyer's retirement in June.

Please join us in congratulating Kristin Schmitt-Wagner, Head Director of the Glenbrook Symphony Orchestra effective August of 2011.