



James F Byrnes High School Band  
**2016 & 2018 STATE CHAMPIONS**  
150 Main Street  
Duncan, SC 29334

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Dear Rebel Regiment Family,

Words cannot express how proud I am of everyone that is a part of this organization. Back in July, none of us knew what to expect and we were all feeling apprehensive to say the least. What happened in the following weeks was nothing short of a miracle. We were all faced with challenges and circumstances we had never dealt with before. We got to see what our band was truly made of. The students were resilient and didn't let anything stop them!

**THANK YOU BAND MEMBERS!** You hear me say every year how this isn't all about trophies- this year we got to prove that. It all goes back to a zoom call with the officers in July. They unanimously said they wanted to do a "real" show and go for it even if we didn't have state or regionals. They just wanted to approach it all the same- with a quest for excellence no matter what! Once we knew that, the staff did everything possible to make the very best of the season. We were definitely inspired by the student leaders and how they weren't going to let anything shut them down. This Senior class had a bigger burden than any before them. I saw in them the very best of what the Rebel Regiment is all about.

**THANK YOU BAND PARENTS!** There aren't adequate words to say how much we appreciate your trust and support. You were so patient with tons of schedule changes and new procedures. You rolled with the punches and because of that example your kids did too. Without you, none of this would have been possible and the season never would have happened. You are appreciated much more than you know!

**THANK YOU BAND STAFF!** This staff truly went the extra mile for our band. There was a TON of extra responsibilities added because of Covid. Your staff didn't let that stop them and they were more determined than ever to help our kids. For our staff this goes far beyond music. We know that what they learn in marching band will carry over to help them in all facets of life.

Just wanted to take a moment and let everyone in the RR family know how much you mean to me and this entire community. We made the miracle happen this marching band season! We still have plenty to look forward to this year so let's not stop now. If we didn't let Covid shut down our marching season...we shouldn't let it stop everything else! I love this band and community with all my heart and look forward to what the future has in store for the Rebel Regiment!

With Regards,

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