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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Congratulations! Your child has expressed an interest in participating in the 2018 NYSSMA Solo Festival. This can be a valuable and rewarding experience for our students. This letter will provide you with the information about the annual New York State School Music Association's Festival. This year's **instrumental and vocal festival will be on Monday, May 14th** at the Southampton School District. **Piano soloists will attend the Thursday, May 10th festival** at the William Floyd School District.

Every student who participates in a festival is required to prepare a solo selected from the NYSSMA manual. This can be done with his/her private or school music teacher. At their audition, before a certified NYSSMA adjudicator, they will perform their solo and be asked to sight-read. In addition, instrumentalists are required to play scales. NYSSMA judges are professional educators and musicians who provide an objective evaluation of your child's progress in a musical skill area. Ratings are based on a scale of musical criteria (technique, posture, accuracy, sight reading, scales, etc.) and written comments on his/her artistry. The ratings are also determined by the difficulty of a selection as well as student performance. Selection for honors ensembles request NYSSMA ratings. Students learn the discipline of learning a required piece, the technical skills involved, performance skills and the ability to accept praise as well as constructive criticism to help them be better performers. The registration fees for the NYSSMA festival are as follows:

Levels 1-4 Vocal, Instrumental, and Ensemble Solos - \$16.00 each.

Levels 5-6 Vocal, Instrumental, and Ensemble Solos - \$24.00 each.

Levels 1-4 Piano Solos - \$22

Levels 5-6 Piano Solos - \$30

The attached registration form must be accompanied by a check made out to East Quogue UFSD for the total amount and returned to Ms. Clemensen by Wednesday, February 28th, 2018.

If you have any questions or concerns about any portion of this letter, please do not hesitate to email me at kclemensen@eastquogue.k12.ny.us

Musically yours,

Kim Clemensen

East Quogue Music Department
NYSSMA REGISTRATION FORM

STUDENT NAME: _____

PIANO/VOICE: _____ LEVEL _____

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TELEPHONE: _____

GRADE: _____

PRIVATE TEACHER: YES NO

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

REGISTRATION FEES

LEVEL 1 – 4 \$16.00

LEVEL 5 – 6 \$24.00

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LEVEL 5 – 6 \$30.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: EAST QUOGUE UFSD