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Dear Stan

INVITATION TO CITY OF COCKBURN - 2008

Further to my recent visit to your school, I am writing to extend a formal invitation to the Murphy High School Band to visit the City of Cockburn, in Perth Western Australia, in late October 2008.

As you are aware, the Cities of Mobile and Cockburn are Sister Cities. Each year, on the last Sunday of October, the City of Cockburn conducts a Cultural Festival, in which we feature the ties with one of our Sister Cities. In 2008 we will be focussing on the link with Mobile.

We have a number of civic events preceding the Festival, including dedication of a new section of one of our main roads, which we also highlight as a 'Cultural Boulevard', to the people of Mobile. Austal Ships, which is a principal employer in both of our cities, is assisting us with the creation of a major artwork to be sited on the Boulevard, and this will also be unveiled on the weekend of the Cultural Festival.

As discussed with you, we would very much appreciate if a group of around 20 of your music students and some accompanying adults would visit with us during this time. We would assist with this by providing a grant of \$40K AUD to offset the costs of travel and accommodation.

Within Cockburn, Hamilton Hill Senior High School offers a music program along similar lines to your own. While not as big as that of Murphy High, they share your passion for music. I have recently approached them and they would like to host you for the duration of your stay in Perth. To that end we have secured a booking at a State Education Camp that is located in our City. This facility provides good accommodation, messing and has a hall that can be used for music practice. The students from Hamilton Hill would join you at the Camp for the duration of your stay.

The Cultural Festival will be held on Sunday 26 October 2008. As a rough guide we would suggest an itinerary that has you arrive in Perth on Monday 20 October and departs on Monday 27 2008.

While recognising that our Cities are geographically a long way apart, it is the City of Cockburn's hope that your visit might lead to a more formal and enduring exchange of students between us.

I look forward to a positive response to our invitation and a chance to show some Australian hospitality during your stay.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive Officer

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