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To High School Theatre Directors;

First off, I want to welcome each of you to a new school year. Your hard work at each of your respective sites is always appreciated and we at New Mexico Educational Theatre Association are here to support you.

With that being said New Mexico Educational Theatre Association will now be solely responsible for the One Act and State competition and we have changed the format to accommodate the growing size.

One of the biggest changes you'll notice is the competition is now split up into three sections over the coming school year; Sparta One Act Competition (November 1-2 at Rio Rancho High School), Athens One Act Competition (November 22-23 at V. Sue Cleveland High School) and One Act State Finals and Thespian Festival (January 16-18 at Rio Rancho High School). We made these changes to allow more schools to attend and compete this upcoming school year.

Now just as a reminder, 4A schools (Sparta) and below will compete and attend the competition on November 1-2 and 5A schools (Athens) will compete and attend the November 22-23 competition. At these two competition it will only be One Act performances (no workshops or IE's). We will not announce the overall winners at these competitions but instead we will be inviting the top three in each division to perform once again at the finals on January 16-18 where the places will be announced.

The January Festival and One Act will be a wonderful opportunity to not only see the one act performances but there will be workshops, social event(s), IE competitions, the IE showcase, and so much more. This is a great opportunity for you and your students to network and increase your knowledge and resources for the future.

Registration materials for the One Act Competition will be available starting September 6th and the State Festival Registration will be available October 4th. I look forward to seeing everyone in November and January. Have a wonderful start of the year!

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