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Dear Parents:

The school budget that Town Meeting will be asked to approve starting May 13 does not include funding for after school, co-curricular fine arts programs. However, we would like to offer a "pay to play" option for these programs, if there is sufficient interest among students.

Unfortunately, we will need a commitment from students soon so that we can make determinations about which programs will run.

We have determined the minimum number of participants that would be required to run each program and listed the total cost for each program. Please see the attached handout with specific information for each program. Most programs do not need commitment and payment until September 2019. However, two programs do require commitment and payment by June 6, 2019: the Marching Band and the High School Summer Musical.

Students wishing to participate in these two programs must fill out a commitment form and submit a check by Thursday, June 6, 2019.

The Fine Arts Department will review all the registrations and determine which programs will run by June 13, 2019. If the minimum number of students is not met, that program will not run. If a program is not run, the fees for that program will be refunded.


If more than the minimum number of students register, more students may be accepted into the program; however, there may be a maximum number of students we would consider for a program and/or tryouts may be involved. In these cases, where the participation numbers increase, the cost per student will be reduced and the fees will be partially refunded. If more students than the maximum for a program submit registrations, the fees will be held until a tryout is conducted. If students are cut from a program due to high numbers, their fees will be refunded. Due to the fact that each program must be self-funding, once student fees are accepted, they are non-refundable.

Registrations for Marching Band and the High School Summer Musical after June 6th will be allowed only if the program has not met the maximum number of students. However, we encourage all students to register by June 6th if they intend to participate in these two programs. If the minimum number is not met by June 13, 2019, the program may be canceled.

Please note that if the schools are able to implement the supplemental budget, the Fine Arts program will revert to the regular registration deadlines and a fee of \$150.00 per year will remain.

The Town will know by the end of the day, June 3, which budget will be implemented for 2019-2020. If the supplemental budget will be implemented, then the fees paid for Marching Band and the High School Musical will be refunded fully; and additionally, the fees you see on the attached document for all other Fine Arts co-curricular, will not go into effect. If however, the supplemental budget is not an option, then the fees on the attached document do apply. In this case, the school will send an updated letter with specific instructions for registering and paying in September for those programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David L. Thomson, Ed. D." with a small circular mark at the end.

David L. Thomson, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	ACTIVITY	LEVEL	SEASON	COST	MIN.#PART.	PER STUDENT	COMMIT BY
1	Marching Band	SHS	Fall	\$55,000.00	50	\$1,100.00	6/1/19
2	Jazz Ensemble	SHS	Year	\$5,000.00	16	\$312.50	9/30/19
3	Celtic Strings	SHS	Year	\$1,700.00	12	\$142.00	9/30/19
4	Brass Choir	SHS	Year	\$1,500.00	5	\$300.00	9/30/19
5	A Cappella Choir	SHS	Year	\$1,700.00	12	\$142.00	9/30/19
6	Summer Musical	SHS	Summer	\$40,000.00	40	\$1,000.00	6/1/19
7	Fall Play	SHS	Fall	\$10,000.00	20	\$500.00	9/15/19
8	Spring Play	SHS	Spring	\$10,000.00	20	\$500.00	3/30/20
9	Drama Club	SHS	Year	\$1,400.00	10	\$140.00	9/20/19
10	Honor Band	CMS	Year	\$2,800.00	30	\$94.00	9/30/19
11	Honor Orchestra	CMS	Year	\$2,500.00	25	\$100.00	9/30/19
12	Honor Chorus	CMS	Year	\$2,400.00	30	\$80.00	9/30/19
13	Jazz Band	CMS	Year	\$2,700.00	16	\$168.75	9/30/19
14	Drama/Fall play	CMS	Fall	\$3,600.00	20	\$180.00	9/30/19
15	Musical	CMS	Spring	\$5,300.00	40	\$132.50	1/30/20
16	Honor Band	ELEM	Year	\$4,400.00	30	\$147.00	9/30/19
17	Honor Orchestra	ELEM	Year	\$2,000.00	25	\$80.00	9/30/19
18	Honor Chorus	ELEM	Year	\$2,400.00	30	\$80.00	9/30/19