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EHS Band Students and Boosters,

Taking into account the many things we have discussed throughout the year, Mr. Gustafson and I feel that the best direction for the program in 2017-2018 is to move forward focusing on improving the instrumental music program as a whole by increasing the exposure of ALL students to quality enrichment and instruction throughout the year.

It is our goal to make the Evergreen Instrumental Music Program (Band/Orchestra) more inclusive of all student musicians and to provide a high quality music education that allows all our students the very best experience possible.

Our main goals for the upcoming year:

1. Implement the Masterclass program as outlined in the attached budget document. This will be the first step in improving the overall quality of musicianship in our program. ALL students will receive small group instruction with professional caliber players on a weekly basis under this model.
2. Begin to replace instruments and build a healthy instrument inventory for the future. This budget shows the beginning of 5-year lease program with Beacocks music that will provide roughly \$30,000 of new instruments to start this process. I am working to secure a final quote and details for the board's review.
3. Focus on events, programs, and performances that incorporate our entire instrumental music program. The first of these taking place August 21-23 (Music Camp) that culminates with a concert and pot luck dinner for the entire program. An extended focus on events that promote social interaction and connections between all students are imperative!
4. Revamp the Evergreen HS Band's presence at school-wide events such as athletic events, fundraisers, community events, etc. Our goal is to put 175 students in the stands at the first football game instead of the 95 from last year.

As we look to the future, we also challenge the Instrumental Music Booster Program to adopt a few new ideas and policies. Some examples:

- Private lesson scholarship fund - allows students that cannot afford private lessons the chance to study with a teacher
- Music Major Scholarship fund - Sponsor a music scholarship each year to a student that is going to major in music at a 4-year University

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- Create outreach programs for incoming band and orchestra parents to begin their involvement before their Freshman year.

The motto of our program is: **Committed to EXCELLENCE, driven by PASSION, bound as a FAMILY; WE ARE EVERGREEN**

Mr. Gustafson and I believe that this model will only expand that motto into all aspects of the overall instrumental music program. By reallocating funds to support all instrumental students, we can provide a high quality experience for all! With the help and support of our boosters, parents, administrators, and students, we can make this program into the premier music program in the Pacific Northwest.

We welcome discussion and ideas from students and parents, and hope that we can work together for our current students and the future students of our program. Please make sure you get information from us so that you have accurate facts and are in the loop as we begin to plan for next year.

Thank you,

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