From: LHS Band Boosters Board of Directors

To: LHS Band Boosters Membership

Subject: 2012-2013 LHS Band Boosters Annual Report

Purpose:

This annual report to the LHS Band Boosters membership is intended to meet the requirements of Article IV, Paragraph 1 of the Bylaws of the Loveland High School Band Boosters which states “At each annual meeting, the Board of Directors shall submit to the membership a report of the corporation’s business activities during the preceding year and the general financial condition of the corporation.”

Business Activities for 2012-2013 Annual Reporting Period:

During the 2012-2013 fiscal year (June 1st 2012 through May 31st 2013) for the LHS Band Boosters, the organization welcomed our new LHS Band Director, Mr. Kyle Freesen, who has been instrumental in carrying on the great tradition of excellence of the LHS Bands by bringing his energy, enthusiasm, and innovative style to the program. The efforts of the LHS Band Boosters and Mr. Freesen contributed to yet another highly successful year of performance for the LHS Bands.

Specifically, this support enabled the LHS Crimson Regiment Marching Band to capture a Bronze Medal in school Class 4A overall during the Colorado Bandmasters Association (CBA) sponsored state finals marching band competition held on 3 November 2012. In addition to another stellar marching season, the Crimson Regiment was also invited to perform at Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom main event parade during spring break in 2013. The marching band performed at a highly professional level during the Walt Disney parade and were lauded by the Walt Disney events staff. All of the kids also enjoyed a great time with their fellow band members at the resorts during the week which provided a great team building opportunity and a once in a lifetime experience.

Also, LHS Band Boosters supported the LHS Bands varsity, junior varsity, and LEMS Winter Guard teams as they have placed first in all Rocky Mountain Color Guard Association's winter guard invitational competitions this season. Finally, at the Colorado State Winter Guard Championship Competition, held in Parker, Colorado on April 6th, LHS Varsity team brought
home the gold by becoming State Champions in the National Scholastic A class with a score of 88.03. The Junior Varsity team collected silver with a second place finish in the National Regional A division with a score of 83.83 and the Lucile Erwin Middle School team earned bronze with a third place finish and score of 80.78 in the Novice class. The LHS varsity Winter Guard traveled to compete at the Winter Guard International (WGI) 2013 Championship competition held in Dayton, Ohio from April 11-13. They faced 110 Scholastic A (SA) teams and after the SA Preliminaries, the Guard in the 48th position advanced to the Semi-Finals round. There, they competed in the Skylark Division and came in 9th with a score of 82.475 and placed 33rd in the nation. What a fantastic season for the LHS and LEMS Winter Guard teams!

The LHS Wind Symphony was awarded scores of straight 1's (nearly perfect) at the CBA Concert Band Regional Contest held at Fossil Ridge High School in Fort Collins on 6 March 2013. This performance resulted in the Wind Symphony being invited to compete at the CBA State Symphonic Band Finals Competition held on 15 April 2013 in Fort Collins. At the CBA State Symphonic Band Finals Competition, the LHS Wind Symphony were judged as superior overall and maintain their reputation of excellence within the State of Colorado. What a fantastic accomplishment and demonstration of the skill of our band students and Mr. Freesen.

Finally, the LHS Jazz Band 1 attended the UNC Jazz Band Regional Competition in Greeley, Colorado on April 20th. The Jazz Band 1 scored Excellent in their class with a score of straight 1's which is the highest level of performance awarded.

These results throughout the year clearly demonstrate the diversity of skills and year round excellence of the LHS bands as they consistently perform at state and national leading levels. It also reflects the fantastic work by our band director, Mr. Kyle Freesen, our color guard director, Mr. Greg Humphrey, and all of our supporting music instructors in continuing the strong tradition of excellence in music and performance of the LHS band programs.

The LHS Band Boosters Board of Directors would like to thank all of the LHS Band Boosters membership for your diligent hard volunteering work and financial contributions throughout this annual period that made this successful year possible.
Financial Summary of Fundraising and Band Support Expenses (from 1 May 2012 - 6 April 2013):

Another very busy year of successful volunteering and fundraising effort has ensured continued stellar success of the band program. This is a summary of the key income and expenses of the organization. It demonstrates the commitment to ensure the best experiences and educational opportunities for our band students.

**Key Fundraising Activities/Events Net Income Results**

Total Member Contributions for Marching/Concert Seasons - $80,000
Total Orlando Invitational Performance Trip Contributions - $87,880

**Key Ongoing Fundraising Events:**

- Grocery Cards and Scrip - $16,000
- The Ranch - $9180
- Guard Candy Sales - $2336
- Coupon Books - $1,914
- Band Wear - $828
- Pizza Kit Sales - $253
- Ornaments - $165
- United Way Contributions - $121

**Key Individual Fundraising Events:**

- March-a-thon - $18,239
- Band Aid Concert - $4,042
- Parking for Sculpture in the Park - $3,502
- Santa Breakfast - $1,642
- Night in Hollywood - $2185
Winterguard Shows $4890
Donations $4400

**Total Income:** $238,875

**Minus Total Funds to Student Grant Accounts:** -$20,700

**Net Income:** $218,175

**LHS Band Boosters Key Band Support Expenses**

- Marching Competitions Costs - $49,550
- Marching Band Instructor Costs - $29,970
- Orlando Trip - $88,950
- Winter Guard Support Costs - $7,275
- Winter Guard Instructor Costs - $6,365
- Winter Guard Trip - WGI in Dayton, OH - $16,170
- Concert Season Support Costs - $9,600
- Concert Season Instructor Costs - $5,325
- Instrument Repairs and Purchase Costs - $3,755
- Insurance Costs - $1,730
- Operations Expenses - $1,195
- School Usage Fees - $1,000

**Total Expenses:** $224,000
Upcoming Band Challenges and Support Needs

The next few years will present many opportunities for our band students. Those opportunities present key needs that must be supported by the LHS Band Boosters. The LHS Bands have seen a decline in band enrollment from the feeding middle schools, especially Lucille Erwin during the 2012-2013 support season. This presents a serious challenge to the whole LHS Band program and for the LHS Band Boosters. If our participation of students falls, it negatively impacts our competitiveness and learning experience during both marching and symphonic seasons. It also has resulted in a shortfall in planned revenue from fundraising activities and in volunteering support for boosters activities. If this disturbing trend continues, it will likely result in reduced opportunities for our band students. Therefore, it is imperative that we all encourage our new members to commit to volunteer by actively welcoming them and including them in our activities as soon as possible. We also need to have greater engagement from our existing booster members that have had limited volunteering effort in the past in order to leverage their unique skills to the benefit of the band.

I have met with Principal Diane Worner of Lucile Erwin Middle School during the month of March to advise her of concerns around dropping musical skills and low retention of middle school students into the LHS band program. Principal Worner shared that LEMS lost 7 full time equivalent teachers in the last year which resulted in the elimination of the assistant band director at LEMS. Therefore, the LEMS band director (Mr. Massey) is now having to teach 340 band students by himself and band class has been reduced from a daily class to only two times a week. Naturally, with less than half the band education time available now, musical learning has been negatively impacted. I shared potential ideas for LHS and LEMS band programs to collaborate to the benefit of both programs based on suggestions from Mr. Freesen and the boosters board of directors. She was understanding and receptive to our suggestions and a follow-up meeting between Principal Worner, Mr. Freesen, Mr. Massey, and myself occurred on April 16th to begin putting together a vertical alignment plan for greater collaboration between the two school band programs. Mr. Massey and Principal Worner were very supportive and had some great ideas to enhance retention of music students between LEMS and LHS.

In line with the LHS to LEMS bands vertical alignment plan, Mr. Dave Garrels, a nominee to replace Mr. Don Gibbons as our Vice President for Operations, has spearheaded an effort on behalf of the board to extend the LHS Band Boosters to the feeding middle school 8th grade band parents. This effort is intended to begin early engagement, volunteering, and information exchange to help with retention of middle school band students and ensure
strong leadership prospects for the boosters going forward.

Mr. Freesen and I met with Dr. Stan Scheer, Superintendent of the Thompson R2J School District, on 28 March 2013 to request funding support to replace our aging and worn out marching uniforms. Dr. Scheer was kind enough to proactively schedule this meeting after the LHS Band Boosters Board of Directors sent a request letter to fund new marching uniforms to the Board of Education. He was receptive and supportive of our requests and committed to following up with the Board of Education to determine if the $50,000 (or some portion thereof) needed for new uniforms could be found within the shrinking budget of the school district. While this is no guarantee of actual financial support, it is at least a start to the effort. We also made a suggestion to hire a full time assistant band director to be a shared resource between LHS and LEMS band programs in recognition of limited funding for new teachers and with the idea that a shared assistant director would help to strengthen the relationship between both schools. Ultimately, this would help improve band student retention as they transition from LEMS to LHS. Unfortunately, for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year, the Thompson R2J School District Board of Education has not approved the additional teachers to support the shared assistant band director initiative.

Mr. Freesen has indicated he would like support from the boosters to participate in the Bands of America (BOA) Super Regional Competition in 2015 and the Winter Guard to another WGI national competition in 2016. He will also apply for LHS bands to participate in/perform for Colorado Music Educators Association (CMEA) sponsored all state bands, the BOA Music For All national honor bands, and the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day parade in the next few years. These goals are well within the capabilities of our band students but they will require renewed innovation and execution excellence by the boosters organization to provide the necessary funding support. I am confident we have the right capabilities within our membership to support these goals and I ask for whatever help all of you are able to provide.

On behalf of the LHS Band Boosters Board of Directors,

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Steven J. Foss
President, Loveland High School Band Boosters