22 April 2014

From: LHS Band Boosters Board of Directors

To: LHS Band Boosters Membership

Subject: 2013-2014 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 2013-2014 Annual Reporting Period:

During the 2013-2014 fiscal year (June 1st 2013 through May 31st 2014) for the LHS Band Boosters, the organization continued its long tradition of partnership with the LHS Band Director, Mr. Kyle Freesen, the LHS Principal, Mr. Todd Ball, and the Thompson R2J School District to contribute 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 Silver Medal in school Class 4A overall during the Colorado Bandmasters Association (CBA) sponsored state finals marching band competition held on 26 October 2013. This performance of their show “Contraption” continued the long tradition of placement within the top three 4A marching bands within the state for the last 13 out of 14 marching seasons.

Also, LHS Band Boosters supported the LHS Bands varsity, junior varsity, and LEMS Winter Guard teams as they exhibited placement in the top 3 in all Rocky Mountain Color Guard Association’s winter guard invitational competitions this season. Finally, at the Colorado State Winter Guard Championship Competition, held at University of Denver Magness Arena on March 29th, the LHS Varsity team brought home a bronze medal in the National Scholastic A class. The LHS Junior Varsity placed fourth overall in state in the highly competitive Scholastic A class, and the Lucile Erwin Winter Guard Novice team placed third overall at state in the Novice Division. It was another outstanding season for the LHS and LEMS Winter Guard teams!

The LHS Wind Symphony was awarded the highest possible rating of Superior with Distinction at both the CBA Concert Band Regional Contest held at Colorado State University in Fort Collins on 13 March 2013 and the CBA Concert Band State Finals Contest held at Colorado State University on 14 April 2014. These performances identify the LHS Wind Symphony as one of the top 5 symphonic band ensembles in the State of Colorado this year. This also positions the Wind Symphony extremely well for their upcoming trip to Dallas, Texas.
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to perform at the 8th annual 2014 Dallas Wind Symphony Invitational Windband Festival. This concert season performance is the sixth straight year where the LHS Wind Symphony was ranked Superior or Superior with Distinction within the State of Colorado.

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 June 2013 – 12 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

$95,785 Total Member Contributions for Marching and Concert Seasons

Key Ongoing Fundraising Events:

$22,549 Grocery Cards and On-line Scrip
$1,519 The Ranch
$760 Guard Car Wash
$495 Qdoba and Scratch Cards
$1,246 Bandwear
($60) Ornaments
$700 United Way Contribution
$569 Immanuel Midweek Meals and Bizarre
$445 Prior Year and Miscellaneous Income
$12,045 March-a-Thon/Garage Sale
Key Ongoing Fundraising Events (continued):

- $2,472 Parking for Sculpture in the Park
- $1,919 Santa Breakfast
- $330 Comedy Hypnotist Show (revenue number not final)
- $3,054 Winterguard Show
- $2,876 Donations

**Total Income:** $146,704

**Minus Total Funds to Student Grant Accounts:** -$11,684

**Net Income:** $135,020

LHS Band Boosters Key Band Support Expenses

- $42,960 Marching Competition Costs
- $25,100 Marching Band Instructor Costs
- $2,300 Percussion Ensemble Instructor Costs
- $4,550 Winterguard Instructor Costs
- $4,159 Winterguard Support Costs
- $7,756 Concert Season Support Costs
- $34,058 Wind Symphony Competition Trip to Dallas Cost
- $354 Concert Season Instructor Cost
- $8,296 Instrument Repairs and Purchase Cost
- $1,871 Insurance Cost
- $1,062 Operational Expense
- $1,000 School Usage Fee (expected)

**Total Expenses:** $133,466

Upcoming Band Challenges and Support Needs

The next few years will continue to present many opportunities for our band students. Those opportunities present key needs that must be supported by the LHS Band Boosters. The LHS Bands decline in band enrollment from the feeding middle schools seen during the 2012-2013 support season has turned around to an increase in enrollment in the upcoming
2014-2015 season. This represents positive results from the Vertical Alignment Plan execution arranged last year between Mr. Massey (LEMS Band Director), Principal Worner, Mr. Freesen, and Mr. Dave Garrels from the LHS Band Boosters. This strong and concerted effort to partner with our Middle School Band Directors to engage middle school band members early with great learning opportunities like our Symphonic Band Camp and sectional instruction by our most experienced musicians demonstrates the best form of collaboration. Our stronger recruiting results represent greater opportunity for continued excellence within our band programs and for greater potential revenue to support the same. 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’m happy to report that the Thompson R2J School District agreed to fund $30,000 towards the $50,000 expected new marching uniform costs and also are providing a $20,000 interest free loan to the LHS Band Boosters to be repaid over the next two seasons. This is a direct result of the meeting that Mr. Freesen and I had 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 proactively scheduled this meeting after the LHS Band Boosters Board of Directors sent a request letter to fund new marching uniforms to the Board of Education in February 2013. His positive leadership shows the continued commitment by the school district for our performing arts programs.

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. With this in mind, the board of directors and I are personally asking for more volunteers to fill board of directors positions and committee chair positions. Without volunteering of strong leaders from within our organization, we cannot sustain the long tradition of excellence of our band program. I also make a personal appeal to our boosters to meet their financial obligations to the band program in a timely manner to support the needs of our students. I am confident we have the right capabilities within our membership to support these goals and I make these appeals with the assurance that you will all rise to meet the needs.

On behalf of the LHS Band Boosters Board of Directors,

Steven J. Foss
President, Loveland High School Band Boosters