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From: LHS Band Boosters Board of Directors

To: LHS Band Boosters Membership


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 2014-2015 Annual Reporting Period:

During the 2014-2015 fiscal year (June 1st 2014 through May 31st 2015) 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 Bronze Medal (3rd place) in school Class 4A overall during the Colorado Bandmasters Association (CBA) sponsored state finals marching band competition held on 25 October 2014. This performance of their show “Fade to Black” continued the long tradition of placement within the top three 4A marching bands within the state for the last 14 out of 15 marching seasons.

Also, LHS Band Boosters supported the LHS Bands varsity, junior varsity, and LEMS Winter Guard teams as they exhibited a strong presence in all Rocky Mountain Color Guard Association's winter guard invitational competitions they participated in this season. Finally, at the Colorado State Winter Guard Championship Competition, held at University of Denver Magness Arena on April 4th 2015, the LHS Varsity team repeated last year’s stellar performance with a bronze medal in the National Scholastic A class. 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!

Due to the fantastic performance by the LHS Wind Symphony at the 8th Annual Dallas Wind Symphony Invitational Windband Festival in spring 2014, they were invited to perform at the 2015 Colorado Music Educators Association (CMEA) annual convention held at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado on 31 January 2015. The honor to perform at CMEA was bestowed to only 3 bands out of 150 that applied.

The LHS Wind Symphony was awarded the rating of Superior at both the CBA Concert
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Band Regional Contest held at Fossil Ridge High School in Fort Collins on 4 March 2014 and the CBA Concert Band State Finals Contest held at Colorado State University on 14 April 2015. These performances continue to identify the LHS Wind Symphony as one of the top 5 symphonic band ensembles in the State of Colorado this year. The LHS Symphonic Band was awarded an Excellent rating at the CBA Concert Band Regional Contest held at Fossil Ridge High School in Fort Collins on 4 March 2014 and was extremely close to being invited to CBA Concert Band State Finals. This concert season performance is the seventh straight year where the LHS Wind Symphony was ranked Superior or Superior with Distinction within the State of Colorado.

The results throughout the year continue to demonstrate the strong growth in our band programs and year round excellence of the LHS bands as they consistently perform at state and national leading levels. Our band director, Mr. Kyle Freesen, continues his strong educational regimen that will rapidly expand the skills of our students in the coming years. In addition, the LHS Band Boosters funds 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 (Year to date from 1 June 2014 – 20 April 2015):

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

$88,142 Total Member Contributions for Marching and Concert Seasons

Key Ongoing Fundraising Events Net Income Results:

$18,667 Grocery Cards and On-line Scrip
$4,778 Direct Public Support
$1,129 Car Wash
$792 Monthly Dinner Out
$484 Bandwear
$2,630 Santa Breakfast
$760 United Way Contribution
$1,965 GE Foundation
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Key Ongoing Fundraising Events (continued):

- $801 Immanuel Midweek meals
- $1,062 Parking for Sculpture in the Park
- $1,143 Flamingo Fundraiser
- $11,252 March-a-Thon/Garage Sale
- $583 Scrap Metal Fundraising
- $1,176 Other Income
- $43,537 Fundraising Expenses and Grant Account Transfers

**Gross Income: $163,385**

LHS Band Boosters Key Band Support Expenses

- $55,250 Marching Competition Costs
- $24,786 Marching Band Instructor Costs
- $6,710 Winterguard Instructor Costs
- $5,325 Winterguard Support Costs
- $6,598 Concert Season Support Costs
- $6,040 Wind Symphony CMEA Performance
- $6,593 Concert Season Instructor Cost
- $4,471 Instrument Repairs and Purchase Cost
- $1,677 Insurance Cost
- $1,831 Operational and Administrative Expenses
- $1,200 School Usage Fee (expected)

**Total Expenses: $166,018**
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 enrollment from the feeding middle schools continued to increase during 2014-2015 season. This continued positive enrollment results from the Vertical Alignment Plan execution arranged in 2013 between Mr. Massey (LEMS Band Director), Principal Todd Ball of LHS, Principal Diane Worner of LEMS, 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 continued strong 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 did cover payment for the entire $55,000 cost of new marching uniforms so that they were purchased and available for use during the 2014 marching competition season. The district covered $30,000 towards the the new marching uniform costs and the LHS Band Boosters will repay the district $25,000 over the next 2 seasons in an interest free loan to the LHS Band Boosters. The generous contribution by the school district is a direct reflection of the commitment to our band programs by our Superintendent, Dr. Stan Scheer, and the strong support by the Board of Education. Their positive leadership shows the continued commitment by the school district for our performing arts programs.

Mr. Freesen has been very successful in applying for and being awarded financial grants from the Encounters with Music fund supported by the Foote Foundation in the amount of $16,000 to cover experiences for students and $8,000 to cover instrument replacements during this fiscal year. His success in receiving these awards is a testament to the outstanding reputation of our band programs and allows the other funds raised by the boosters to be used for other important band activities.

As mentioned in last year’s annual report, Mr. Freesen plans to participate in the Bands of America (BOA) Regional Competition in St. George, Utah from 29 October to 1 November 2015. 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
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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,

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President, Loveland High School Band Boosters