21 April 2016

From: LHS Band Boosters Board of Directors

To: LHS Band Boosters Membership

Subject: 2015-2016 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 2015-2016 Annual Reporting Period:

During the 2015-2016 fiscal year (June 1st 2015 through May 31st 2016) 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 24 October 2015. This performance of their show “The Way Home” continued the long tradition of placement within the top three 4A marching bands within the state for the last 15 out of 16 marching seasons. Even more impressive than this, the LHS Crimson Regiment culminated their impressive marching season by being named Grand Champions in Class 2A and 5th place overall at the Bands of America (BOA) Regional Marching Band Competition on 31 October 2015 in St. George, Utah.

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 2nd 2016, the LHS Varsity team placed 5th overall in the National Scholastic A class. The Lucile Erwin Winter Guard Novice team placed fourth 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 rating of “Superior” and the LHS Symphonic Band was awarded the rating of “Excellent” at the CBA Concert Band Regional Contest held at Fossil Ridge High School in Fort Collins on 2 April 2016. The LHS Wind Symphony was
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invited to the CBA Concert Band State Finals Contest held at Colorado State University on 11 April 2016 and earned a rating of “Superior with Distinction”. These performances continue to identify the LHS top concert bands among the best in the State of Colorado this year. This concert season performance is the eighth straight year where the LHS Wind Symphony was ranked Superior or Superior with Distinction within the State of Colorado.

The results throughout the 2015-2016 fiscal 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 to improve his strong educational regimen that will rapidly expand the skills of our students in the coming years. This year, thanks to the support of Principal Todd Ball and support of the school district, we were able to hire Ms. Amanda Singer as our new LHS Assistant Band Director. Ms. Singer has done an outstanding job in her first year at LHS and has also assisted Mr. Russ Massey at Lucile Erwin Middle School. 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 2015 – 21 April 2016):

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

**Member Contributions**

$96,060 Total Member Contributions for Marching and Concert Seasons

**Fundraising Events Net Income Results:**

$22,700 Grocery Cards and On-line Scrip
$4,390 Direct Public Support
$4,000 Gulley’s Greenhouse Fundraising
$1,335 Monthly Dinner Out
$700 Bandwear
$4,440 Santa Breakfast
$770 United Way Contribution
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$2,015  GE Foundation

Fundraising Events (continued):

$3,500  Sale of Props
$3,015  Winter Guard Show
$2,935  Parking for Sculpture in the Park
$1,160  Flamingo Fundraiser
$16,470  March-a-Thon
$1,690  Garage Sale
$6,040  Other Income

Total Net Income:  $ 171,220

Grant Transfers $17,350

LHS Band Boosters Key Band Support Expenses

$40,560  Marching Competition Support Costs
$28,220  Marching Band Instructor Costs
$10,000  New Uniform Payment
$26,700  BOA Regional Competition in Utah
$3,155  Winterguard Support Cost
$6,295  Winterguard Instructor Cost
$8,965  Winterguard Regional Competition in Arizona
$10,385  Concert Season Support Costs
$5,265  Concert Season Instructor Cost
$7,310  Instrument Repairs and Purchase Cost
$1,070  Insurance Cost
$5,600  Operational and Administrative Expenses
$9,125  School District Bus Transportation Usage Fee

Total Expenses:  $162,650
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 2015-2016 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. In addition, strong engagement to assist band teaching efforts at LEMS by Ms. Amanda Singer promise to drive even greater collaboration between schools. Mr. Massey also initiated the Middle School Mentor Program that uses LHS Band students to volunteer at LEMS to grow middle school band student skills and encourage them to remain in music through middle school and continue on to high school. With the retirement of Ms. Diane Worner, Mr. Tim Ridder (LHS Assistant Principal) has been named the new Principal of Lucile Erwin Middle School. Mr. Ridder has been a strong supporter of the LHS Bands so we are hopeful his promotion will lead to even greater collaboration between LHS and LEMS. 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. Perhaps the most troubling challenge we have is the more than $40,000 in arrears payments owed by many of our band booster families. If the LHS Band Boosters are to remain capable of supporting our outstanding band programs, it is crucial for all boosters to come current with any payments they still owe of their fair share of costs.

The LHS Band Boosters executive board did vote to purchase new marching drum equipment from the Denver Broncos Stampede Drum Line for a cost of $11,000 after only a single season of light use by them. This is less than half the cost of purchasing a new drum lineup. Our current drum line equipment was nearly eleven years old and is extremely worn through years of heavy use. The even better news is that, through an unexpected circumstance, we received brand new bass drums and quads as part of this arrangement.

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 $XX,XXX to cover experiences for students and $X,XXX 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.

With the success at the Bands of America (BOA) Regional Competition in St. George, Utah from 29 October to 1 November 2015, Mr. Freesen plans to participate at that regional competition again in the 2016-2017 marching season. 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. In addition, the LHS Crimson Regiment has been invited to and will perform at the Walt Disney World Resort in March 2017 over spring break. 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