

Hi Everyone,

I would like to thank those of you who showed up at the meeting at the High School.

Unfortunately we had a very limited turnout, not to diminish those who attended.

The music programs benefit all of your children. It is important to show up at Thurs night's Board of Education meeting at 7:30 at Dodd, Stand up and speak in support of the music program. The board of education needs to know a cut in the music program will not be popular. I will not be there as I am out of town but have prepared comments which will be read into the record. It is not necessary to make a long speech, just a few comments as to why the music program is educationally important and beneficial and financially responsible,

It is important they hear from as many people as possible. Other groups will be there supporting their programs.

Please show up and speak.

Attached are some links to materials that may be helpful to gather some thoughts.

Thank you,

John

Support Music Community Action Kit

The following tools will help you advocate for a complete education that includes music instruction for every child.

To download files, right click on link and "Save Target As..."

1. **Public Service Announcements** - Six 30-second PSAs on the benefits of music education featuring students and musical artists. Not for TV broadcast.

<http://www.supportmusic.com/kit/>

All Artists (QuickTime | Windows Media)
American Idol (QuickTime | Windows Media)
Commodores (QuickTime | Windows Media)
My Hopes (QuickTime | Windows Media)
Nerves of Steel (QuickTime | Windows Media)
Sheila E. (QuickTime | Windows Media)

2. **What Research Is Telling Us** - A brief PowerPoint presentation, which can be customized to include a presenter's name or organization, on research studies which reveal music's impact on student growth and achievement.

<http://www.supportmusic.com/kit/contents/2.WhatResearchIsTellingUs.ppt>

3. **The Advocate's Plan** - This in-depth PowerPoint presentation is meant to enable new and established local music education coalitions in organizational and strategic approaches to advocacy.

<http://www.supportmusic.com/kit/contents/3.TheAdvocatesPlan.ppt>

4. **Why Learn to Play Music?** - A printable brochure on the proven benefits of music instruction for students. This document can be customized with a local organization name and contact information for greater impact.

<http://www.supportmusic.com/kit/contents/4.WhyLearnToPlayMusic.pdf>

5. **Glossary of Educational Terms** - An alphabetical listing of terms common to local school district budget and curriculum planning.

<http://www.supportmusic.com/kit/contents/5.GlossaryEducationalTerms.pdf>

6. **Media Communications Templates** - Letters to the Editor and Editorial Board meetings Generic Press Release 1 Generic Press Release 2 Media Alert Photo Caption

<http://www.supportmusic.com/kit/contents/6.MediaCommunicationTemp.doc>

7. **Community Letter Templates** - These templates enable local advocates, school music dealers and band directors to communicate the benefits of music education to other community leaders and parents.

<http://www.supportmusic.com/kit/contents/7.CommunityLetterTemplates.doc>

8. **Contact Forms** - E-mail Sign-up List. Advocate's Community Contacts. Tools to assist local coalitions in their internal and external planning.

http://www.supportmusic.com/kit/contents/8a.ContactForms_Emailsign.pdf

9. **Research Posters** - Printable fliers featuring key research studies on the benefits of music education.

<http://www.supportmusic.com/kit/contents/9.ResearchPosters.pdf>

10. **Petition Template** - Petition to customize, reproduce and circulate in response to an impending music education budget cut.

<http://www.supportmusic.com/kit/contents/10.PetitionTemplate.doc>

11. **Mailing Inserts** - Reproducible slips which can be cut and included with key community mailings.

<http://www.supportmusic.com/kit/contents/11.MailingInserts.pdf>

12. **Arts in the Schools** - An in-depth look at the arts' impact on learning from MENC: The National Association for Music Education.

<http://www.supportmusic.com/kit/contents/12.ArtsInTheSchools.doc>

13. **Grassroots Advocacy Guide** - Printable version of the guide that accompanies the CD-ROM.

<http://www.supportmusic.com/kit/contents/13.GrassrootsAdvocacyGuide.pdf>