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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for supporting your child in their choice to participate in band! I am sure you will find this to be a good decision made by your child; one that will enrich their education and help them to become a well rounded student.

The cost of purchasing an instrument is an investment in your child's education. **We have worked with Paige's Music to provide the highest quality instrument for the lowest price possible.** They offer a rent to own program for all instruments in which you have the option of new, previously rented and used instruments. All of these categories of instruments will provide your child with excellent equipment to begin their musical studies. In addition, in the event of an accident, the instrument is covered by Paige's and will be repaired for free throughout the life of the contract.

I do know that these instruments do not always fit into your budget and you are welcome to purchase your child's instrument from other sources or to investigate other renting options; however, I would like to educate you about a new trend of inexpensive and poorly made instruments that can be found at non-music stores. These instruments may not survive the test of time or the wear and tear of a beginning band student. Unfortunately, what you save in the price of the instrument you will pay in the repair of it. In addition, the quality of these instruments is often not good; which can make learning this new skill more difficult for your child. Some parents have found and purchased instruments on E-Bay. Be careful when purchasing these because you are not able to see and play the instrument before you purchase it. Sometimes these instruments look like a good deal, but require expensive repairs.

The ultimate goal is to provide your child with the best musical education possible; which begins with quality equipment. Please feel free to speak with any of the directors if you have any questions about an instrument choice.

Sincerely,

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