

Board President's Report
December 12, 2016
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This evening is the Board's opportunity to thank Mr. Lebowitz for his exceptional service to our district, its students and the entire community as president of the school board for the past 2 years.

In honor of Mr. Lebowitz's service, the board has donated books to the high school library, and we also present this gift to you. It has been my privilege to have Mr. Lebowitz as a mentor for the past 2 years, and it is a delight to call him 'friend.' Thank you!

This is always one of my favorite times of year in our district, when our talented musicians showcase their hard work for all of the community to experience. Back in the day, my children were part of the symphony orchestra, my son playing percussion and my daughter at the cello. I can honestly say that the joy and pride of attending these concerts is not diminished by not having a student musician participating. I continue to be astounded by the gifted musicians in our district. Last week, both the high school orchestra and band performed for packed auditoriums. And they sounded as professional as any ensemble I've ever heard.

And there is only more to come! The middle schools and several elementary schools have orchestra and choir concerts scheduled in the next two weeks; the venerable percussion ensemble will be performing and one of my favorites, The Holiday Show, is also coming up this week.

We've heard that the Choir Cabaret Concert was scheduled for January 5-6 and when the tickets went on sale online on December 5th, both concerts sold out! They have since added 2 more shows, for January 3rd and 4th, so be certain to get your tickets soon!

These concerts and shows are certainly a celebration of what we are all about. Congratulations to all of the dedicated student musicians, their proud parents and to their music teachers from 3rd grade on!

These events are a true celebration of the season, and are a great reflection of our school and our community. It is also a beautiful time of

year to have a rally to re-emphasize how we exhibit good will to humankind.

Representative Dan Miller is spearheading the "Everyone's In - Unity Rally" on Sunday, December 18th at 4:30pm. The event will be held at MTL's Rec Center Plaza. What better time of year to celebrate and re-affirm that we are a community where everyone is welcome?

Please join us! This will be a positive event to celebrate our community and stand with our neighbors, and affirm that all are welcome and valued in our community. So bundle up, and head out to the park on December 18th.