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Dear 5th Grade students and Parents,

Next year when you begin attending Finley Middle School, you will all be taking a music class of one kind or another. We try to give students the opportunity to express their opinion about what role music will play in their Middle School experience. Below is a brief description of each of the classes that are offered. Please read them carefully, and then look at the choices on the attached "Music Selection" notice. You will need to select ONE of the choices available for 6th graders. Please take time to discuss your options so that you make the best selection for you and your child. When you have made your selection, please have a parent or guardian sign the notice and hand it in to your 5th grade music teacher. **Please note that all notices should be signed and turned in by Friday, March 3rd, 2023. [Music Selection English](#)**

BAND: To enroll in the 6th grade Band, the student MUST currently be playing in the 5th grade Band. The 6th grade Band meets daily as an ensemble. Students will attend lessons once every one to two weeks using a rotating schedule. The focus of this class is to increase the musical knowledge and skills needed to play your instrument. The Band performs in the both the winter and spring concerts.

ORCHESTRA: To enroll in the 6th grade Orchestra, the student MUST currently be playing in the 5th grade Orchestra. The 6th grade Orchestra meets daily as an ensemble. Students will attend lessons once every one to two weeks using a rotating schedule. The focus of this class is to increase the musical knowledge and skills needed to play your instrument. The Orchestra performs in the both the winter and spring concerts.

CHORUS: To enroll in the 6th grade Chorus, the student MUST be interested in learning to use their voice as an instrument. The 6th grade Chorus meets daily as an ensemble. The focus of this class is to increase the musical knowledge and skills needed to sing quality music. The Chorus performs in both the winter and spring concerts. Students can attend Chorus every other day, if they are also enrolled in either Band or Orchestra.

GENERAL MUSIC: Students should enroll in General Music if they do not play a Band or Orchestra instrument, and they do not have any interest in singing. This class will focus on the general appreciation of music. Students will learn about several music styles, and a variety of music concepts including rhythm and melody. Though students perform in many ways during this class they do not perform for an audience.

Thank you for taking the time to carefully select the music choice that is best for you. We look forward to seeing you all as 6th graders in September.

Sincerely,

Mr. Lawrence Nadel

Fine Arts Coordinator

(Name)

(5th Grade Teacher)

6TH GRADE MUSIC CLASS SELECTION

5th Graders: Please read the options below carefully. You may choose ONE selection for music at the Middle school next year.

- I am currently in BAND and want to be in BAND in 6th grade
- I am currently in ORCHESTRA and want to be in ORCHESTRA
- I am currently in BAND and want to be in BAND AND CHORUS in 6th grade
- I am currently in ORCHESTRA and want to be in ORCHESTRA AND
- I do not play an instrument and would like to sing in the CHORUS
- I do not wish to continue with my instrument. I want to sing in the
- I will not be playing an instrument and I do not want to sing. I would like to
- I have carefully read through the above selections with my 5th grader and approve of the selection checked as their music choice for 6th grade.

(Signature of Student)

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)