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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year! We are excited to share that **band, choir, and orchestra** will once again be offered to all 5th and 6th grade students at your child’s school.

We are fortunate to offer music education as part of our curriculum. Research consistently shows that students involved in music programs often perform better in other academic areas, including math and reading.

Recently, your child was introduced to a variety of musical instruments, including voice, and has expressed interest in participating in an ensemble. To enroll your child in a music ensemble, we will need your signed permission.

Here are a few important things to know:

- The **Fresno Unified Board of Trustees** strongly supports music education. As a result, there is **no cost** to participate in band, choir, or orchestra.
- Students who choose an instrumental class will be **provided a musical instrument and music book free of charge**.
- Students selected their **top three instrument choices**. While we will do our best to match each student with one of their preferred instruments, we cannot guarantee their top choice.

Please take the next few days to consider this opportunity for your child. Once you’ve made a decision, **sign and return the attached form** with your child by \_\_\_\_\_.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out. We look forward to a musical and memorable school year!

Sincerely,

Music Teachers

