

“Welcome and thank you for attending our [e.g. winter/spring concert, senior night, showcase, etc].

While you enjoy the concert, please remember that in addition to the skills the students demonstrate, music education helps prepare young people to think creatively, learn how to work collaboratively, and to become disciplined, critical thinkers and problem solvers.

Research shows that children who receive a comprehensive, sequential music education taught by exemplary music educators do better in overall school achievement, social development, success in society, and earning potential.

Times are very tight fiscally, and music education is under threat in many places. If you recognize the value music education has for your child, your continued support of this program will help ensure that music remains an essential component of your child’s education. After all, music and the arts are considered a “core” subject in the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Please let me know if you would like more information on how to become involved in supporting our music program. You can also contact MENC, The National Association for Music Education (www.menc.org) with any questions about how you can support music in the schools.

Thank you for being here tonight, and I hope you will enjoy the hard work these students have put into making this program possible."