Dear Band/Vocal Families,

For many years Friends of the Band (FOB) has collected a lab fee from Band families to cover some of the operating expenses of the program. However, the lab fee and funds raised from our bake sales, basket raffles, t-shirt sales and paid gigs, barely balance our budget. Aside from some funding from the Eckstein Annual Campaign (EAC), no other monies have been available for instrument purchases.

Last fall we inaugurated the Instruments for Kids Campaign (IFK) to address this long-standing deficit. We were able to purchase several new instruments which were immediately put to use by students! However, rather than use our concerts as a platform for fundraising, we decided to simplify our request for monies with a Band Enrichment Fee of $50 per student per year. This is similar to other arts programs, including Orchestra and Drama, which assess fees to cover expenses. This fee includes:

- New instruments
- Sheet music
- Instrument repair
- Local festival fees
- Sound equipment
- Office supplies
- Student awards and recognition
- Assemblies
- Substitute teachers (during band trips)

It is my philosophy that any student who wishes to play, will have an instrument. A comprehensive program of this caliber does not flourish without full instrumentation. And, while many families provide their own instruments, there are many who use school instruments, particularly large ones such as string bass, baritone saxophone, French horns, and tubas. Part of the new Enrichment Fee will be allocated toward building and maintaining an instrument inventory. To be clear, this is in place of the IFK fundraising.

Your support of the Eckstein Band and Vocal program is needed and greatly appreciated. We strive to get a response from every family with full or partial payment or note of intent. Please help us toward our goal of full participation!

Mr. Escobedo, Director of Bands

Please return this form along with your payment made out to "*Eckstein Band"* to the secured Mailbox in the Band Room by Sept. 25.

Provide your e-mail/s so we may add your contact to our Friends of Eckstein bands e-list. You will not receive spam and we do not share this information.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Email: _____

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Student Name/s: _____ Band: _____

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☐ I have attached $50 for each band or vocal student's fee.

☐ I have included an additional amount of $_____ for band operating expenses.

☐ I can pay $_____ at this time.

☐ I am not able to pay the fee.

If you have any questions, please contact Heather Lisagor (heather@lisagor.com). For more information about the band program, to sign up for the band e-group or find out how you might volunteer, visit the Eckstein Band Website at http://ecksteineagles.org/sites/band.

Thank you for your support of the Eckstein Band and Vocal Programs!