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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to confirm the positive impact of educational concerts provided by Brass FX in hope that increased funding will continue to be allocated this organization. Their services are deemed invaluable to the inspiration, motivation, and continued growth of budding young musicians within Northside Independent School District.

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During the 07-08 school year, a strategically designed series of 19 concerts were coordinated in identified Title I elementary schools within Northside ISD. This concert series was embraced by elementary school principals and carefully coordinated by elementary music instructors. Targeted schools included those campuses that feed into middle and high schools that are older in nature, fully developed, and restricted from future housing development opportunities.

The results from this first year of presentations has yielded a district middle school overall growth in band enrollments of 9%. In specific areas of our concert series focus, the growth by campus ranges from 24% to 32% increase in band enrollments. Rayburn Middle School, with a total campus enrollment of only 680 students, contains a band enrollment of 210 students. Because band enrollments exceeded 300 students, for the first time in the 40 year history of Anson Jones Middle School, the band program qualifies for a 3rd band director. (332 students in band)

The high school to which both Rayburn and Jones Middle Schools feed increased band enrollment this year by 62 students. At this current growth rate, the John Jay High School Band will exceed 300 students in less than 2 years. This growth is unheard of in older and more developed neighborhoods. Other successes were experienced across our district, but the success in the Jay HS cluster of Northside ISD is most impressive to share.

Brass FX epitomizes the strength within the message "We have fun playing music, you can to, so join band." Their format is entertaining, energized, and very informative. The level of musicianship models quality performance techniques mixed with tremendous humor, visual/audio effects, and yes..... student interaction.

In 34 years of music education, I have never experienced a single initiative that impacts the lives of children as much as Brass FX.

Your support of this organization enables Brass FX to expand and continue to reach thousands of children that otherwise may not visualize their full potential in music. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have regarding this program.

Respectfully submitted,

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