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Dear RUSD Elementary Parent,

Welcome back from what we hope was a fun & relaxing summer for you and your family. As we transition out of summer to the fall, Rowland Unified looks forward to providing another exciting school year for our students.

As we begin our 2016-2017 school year, one of the newest programs that will be implemented in the elementary curriculum is the music expansion program. This expansion allows **ALL** RUSD students (grades 1-6) to participate in different musical experiences.

When students enter 4th grade, they will have a choice of continuing to learn more about General Music with a recorder and choir emphasis **OR** learn to play a string instrument. When students enter 5th & 6th grade, they will have the choice to participate in either General Music (Choir), Strings, or Band class. The music expansion program offers the flexibility for students to choose what music path best suits their learning style and interests and provides them with a dedicated weekly, 50 minute music class of their choosing.

In order for your student to be placed in the correct music class, we are requesting that you help your student choose the class that best fits their interest. Please circle your choice below in order of class **preference (1st, 2nd & 3rd)**. We will try our very best to accommodate your student's choice in order of preference. **Be sure to return the bottom of this form to your student's classroom teacher no later than Monday, August 22, 2016.**

Band and Strings, Parent and Student Night
Rowland High School Gym - Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 7:00p.m.

A parent/student meeting has been scheduled on **Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rowland High School Gym** for all students who will play a band or string instrument.

We urge you and your child to attend, as it will give the staff an opportunity to answer your questions and clarify many points regarding the instrumental program. As a service to our community, we have invited several music stores to bring instruments for display and rental. Therefore, you will not have to drive from one music store to another to comparison shop. You can do this in one place, on **Wednesday** evening, and choose the instrument most suitable for your child.

Please feel free to contact the Educational Services office at 626-854-8348 if you have any questions regarding the music program.

Sincerely,

Teresa Healy
Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services