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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Learning to play a musical instrument provides a lifetime of benefits. Our instrumental music program aims to provide students with enrichment opportunities that enhance their experience in becoming lifelong learners, build their self-confidence, and provide a way to constructively channel their creativity. While current guidelines compel us to change our program, we are pleased to say that we will be offering students the opportunity to continue down the path to becoming accomplished musicians.

Lessons will be provided for hybrid and virtual academy students in grades 5 through 8 who are continuing on the same instrument played in the 2019-2020 school year. All lessons will be virtual. For students in the hybrid model, lessons will be scheduled on their distance learning day. Students are responsible for completing work for any class they miss during their lesson, just as they would be if they were physically in school.

If your child is entering grade 5 through 8, and played an instrument last year (including students transferring in from another district), please be sure to fill out the registration form by **September 1, 2020**. A link to the form can be found on your home school's website. This form should be used even if your child will be 100% virtual.

On a final note, we know how excited our beginners are to start learning how to play an instrument. We are sorry that they have to wait a little longer, but we want to let them know that we anxiously await the time when we can bring the program back to everyone.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the district's program.

Sincerely,

Janice Brown

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MERS Instrumental Music Supervisor

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the MERS Instrumental Music Teachers