

Approval of the DISD Secondary Instrument Usage Fee Structure Proposal

July 29, 2014

SUMMARY:

This item requests that the Board approve the DISD Secondary Instrument Usage Fee restructuring plan.

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VI. Growth, Change, and Fiscal Responsibility...*In pursuit of excellence, the district will:*

- Review and adjust policies and procedures as appropriate to address the challenges of rapid growth and changing demographic characteristics while maintaining and enhancing our strong sense of community
- Demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board reviewed the DISD Secondary Instrument Usage Fee restructuring presentation at the June 24, 2014 Board meeting during a workshop session.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Board members have been provided with the restructuring proposal options and have had an opportunity to pose questions during the workshop session.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

None

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Collection of the increase to the instrument usage fee structure will cover the cost of routine maintenance and repair on school owned instruments and will keep the district's instrument inventory in optimum playing condition.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Passage will allow implementation of the new fee structure beginning in August, 2014.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

Approved changes in the Instrument Usage Fee structure will require a change in wording to board policy FP (LOCAL) for fee waiver students qualifying for free lunch status.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

District band and orchestra directors provided feedback and input.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board may choose Option 2 which provides a moderate increase to the instrument usage fee structure or Option 3 which provides the maximum increase to the instrument usage fee structure (see attachment).

OTHER COMMENTS:

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the Board approve Option 1 as presented in the workshop session which maintains the current rate of \$100 for all band and orchestra students using school owned instruments with the exception of percussionists who purchase their own drum kit. Percussionists will pay \$50.00 and those qualifying for reduced lunch status will pay \$50.00. Those qualifying for free lunch status will pay \$25.00 which is a new addition to the current plan. This option provides a minimum increase to the instrument usage fee structure. Payment plan options will be provided to meet this obligation.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

David McCullar, Director of Fine Arts

ATTACHMENT:

Secondary Instrument Usage Fee Structure Proposal Options

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Leader: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____