

Approval of the DISD Secondary Instrument Usage Fee Structure Proposal

May 24, 2016

SUMMARY:

This item requests that the Board approve the DISD Secondary Instrument Usage Fee structure proposal.

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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 May 10, 2016 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 support 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, 2016.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

None

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 2 as presented in the workshop session which raises the current rate to \$125 for all band and orchestra students in grades 5-12 with the exception of 6th grade percussionists who purchase their own drum kit and will pay \$50.00. Those qualifying for reduced lunch status will pay the current rate of \$50.00. Those qualifying for free lunch status will pay the current rate of \$25.00. This option provides a minimum increase to the instrument usage fee structure. Payment plan options will be provided for parents to meet this obligation.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

David McCullar, Director of Fine Arts

ATTACHMENT:

Secondary Instrument Usage Fee Structure Proposal Options