



## Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: September 22, 2022

TOPIC: Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra – American Music Festivals

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### **Recommended for:**

- ☒ Action
- ☒ Discussion
- ☒ Information

### **Purpose/Background:**

Founded in 1990 by Music Director Philip Simmons, the Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra (LCO) became part of American Music Festivals in 2002. One of Chicago's leading professional ensembles, it was named Chamber Ensemble of the Year in 2000 by the Illinois Council of Orchestras. Flexible in composition and instrumentation, the LCO easily collaborates with a wide variety of programs and special events. 2020 was the 30th Anniversary Season of the LCO and they appeared in Lincoln Hall's Auditorium for a concert celebrating that milestone.

Serving the Lincolnwood community and appearing throughout Chicagoland, the LCO facilitates American Music Festivals' mission of cultural exchange. The orchestra has appeared at diverse venues like the Harris Theater, North Shore Center for the Arts, Chicago Cultural Center, Northeastern Illinois University, Lutkin Hall (Northwestern University), Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, North Shore Congregation Israel, St. Adalbert's Catholic Church, American Islamic College, Benito Juarez Community Academy, the Mexican Consulate, and the Chicago Public Library's Chinatown Branch.

The LCO maintains an excellent artistic reputation throughout Chicagoland. Renowned soloists who have appeared with the LCO include William Warfield, Lukas Foss, Rachel Barton-Pine, Wendy Warner, Dennis James, Denis Azabagic, Emir Nuhanovic, and David Schrader.

The District is seeking to partner with the LCO to provide a free concert to the Lincolnwood School District 74 learning community; as well as to invite the community at-large. The performance would again be held in the Auditorium on a yet to be determined weekend date.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

\$3,500 The funds would be used to pay the performers for the concert.

**Recommendation:**

It is the Administrative recommendation that the Finance Committee concurs to recommend to the Board of Education to accept this Proposal from Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra – American Music Festivals in the amount of \$3,500 to hold a performance of the ensemble during the 2022-23 school year.