



CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT

CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear CSD Board of Education

Below is my recommendation for purchasing new marching band uniforms and raincoats for Chelsea High School.

Our current marching band uniforms, originally purchased in 2005, are well beyond their intended 10-year lifespan. After nearly two decades of performances, travel, and regular wear, they show significant deterioration, including torn seams, broken zippers, and missing buttons. Despite ongoing repair efforts by students and staff, the uniforms are no longer performance-ready. Updated uniforms will not only refresh our band's appearance but also improve functionality, with fewer buttons and adjustable hems to reduce annual alterations.

Marching band uniforms are not an allowable expense under sinking fund or bond provisions. In anticipation of this need, the District proactively allocated general fund dollars during prior budget cycles to responsibly plan for the purchase ahead of the 2025–2026 school year.

The administration recommends the approval of the purchase of new marching band uniforms and insulated raincoats from Stanbury Uniforms in preparation for the 2025–2026 school year.

The total cost of the purchase is **\$77,548.94**, which includes:

- \$64,486.44 marching band uniforms (coats, pants, shoes, hat, garment bags)
- \$13,062.50 insulated raincoats

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael J. Kapolka, Superintendent
Chelsea School District