



Date: March 3, 2025
To: Dr. Jennifer Norrell, Superintendent of Schools
East Aurora School District 131 Board of Education
From: Dr. Michael Engel, Chief Financial Officer/CSBO
Subject: Recommendation to Approve the purchase of Band Instruments for the 2024-2025
Fiscal Year

The Issue:

The district is looking to modernize the band programs at the High School and Middle Schools by considering the purchase of new instruments as part of our regular refresh cycle. Many of the current classroom instruments are in need of replacement, and investing in new ones will help support our students' musical education.

Board Policy and Past Practices:

Pursuant to Board Policy 4:60, the Superintendent shall manage the district's purchases and contracts in accordance with State law, the standards set forth in the policy, and other applicable Board of Education policies.

Strategic Plan:

This recommendation supports the Strategic Goal #2, Operational Excellence that states the following: East Aurora School District 131 will align and utilize systems and resources that promote Operational Excellence, Efficiency, and Fiscal Accountability.

Community Impact:

N/A

Supporting Data:

The finance department working alongside the principals and band teachers have identified instruments that cannot be repaired and therefore need to be replaced to keep the band program operational.

Attached is the bid tabulation from the Band Instrument Bid dated 2/24/2025. There were four respondents to the bid. The bids were quite competitive. Each school is identified by their initials and the company that had the best pricing has been identified in the tabulation.

The total by schools are as such;

- East High School, \$181,410.82
- Waldo Middle School, \$155,984.00
- Fred Rogers Magnet Academy, \$84,543.98
- Simmons Middle School, \$16,587.45
- Cowherd Middle School, \$11,610.99



The total by vendors are as such;

- Midwest Musical, \$302,670.00
- Quinlan & Fabish, \$124,213.91
- PM Music, \$4,159.90
- Ellman's Music, \$10,661.98

Financial Impact:

The total bid amount is \$452,618.24.

Recommendation:

The Administration recommends the Board of Education approve the bid results for band instruments as presented.

Timeline for Decision:

March 17, 2025