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To: Dr. Karla Guseman

From: Shelley Clark, Director of Equity and Strategic Partnerships

Date: April 15, 2025

Re: Young Musicians Mentor Band program

CC: Board of Education

I am recommending that we approve the partnership with the Young Musicians Mentor Band program. Young Musicians Mentor Band program is inspired by the success of similar programs and is designed to offer enriching musical experiences to middle and high school students, with a special emphasis on supporting low-income and underserved youth. This program will Provide a free, quality summer music program for young instrumentalists. It will also facilitate mentorship for middle school students to encourage sustained engagement in music and offer leadership and performance opportunities for high school students within the band program. Young Musicians Mentor Band program's board is made up of individuals deeply invested in the success of the youth, including a former District 86 school finance person, a professional with a master's in non-profit administration, and distinguished alums of the school currently thriving in Hollywood. This diverse expertise ensures the commitment to excellence and community service, values are embraced for students within the district.

The Administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the memorandum of understanding with Young Musicians Mentor Band program.

Thank you