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Message:

Dear Trustee Amy Geistlinger, Superintendent Jon Rever, and Assistant Superintendent Jamie Robinson,

I am writing as a concerned Peter Greer Elementary school parent to express my deep concern regarding the reduction of the school music program position from 0.5 FTE to 0.3 FTE.

Music education plays a vital role in the development of students, both academically and personally. Programs in the arts provide students with opportunities to build creativity, confidence, discipline, collaboration, and emotional expression. For many students, music is not simply an extracurricular activity — it is a meaningful part of their connection to school and their overall well-being.

Reducing the staffing allocation for the music program will inevitably limit opportunities for students. It may result in fewer classes, reduced instructional quality, less individual support, and fewer performance opportunities. These cuts disproportionately impact students who thrive in creative learning environments and those who rely on arts programs to feel engaged and included at school.

Arts education should not be viewed as optional or secondary. A well-rounded education includes strong opportunities in music, visual arts, drama, and other creative disciplines. Research consistently shows that participation in the arts supports academic achievement, student engagement, mental health, and school community involvement.

I respectfully ask the Board to reconsider this reduction and prioritize maintaining adequate staffing for the music program. Our students deserve access to enriching educational experiences that support their intellectual, emotional, and social growth.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate the work you do for our schools and hope you will carefully consider the long-term impact these cuts may have on students and the broader school community.

Sincerely,

Jenna Henderson Concerned PGE Parent