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To valued Trustees, Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer,

I am writing to express my support and advocacy for the music program at Peter Greer Elementary. With the potential budget cuts to the music program and reducing it down to a 0.3FTE it is concerning that the program is in jeopardy. Even at the current FTE of 0.5 not all the students in the school get music year-round, and reducing the program down will make it challenging to run the program.

There is so much pride in the PGE students when they get to showcase to the community what they have learned at the Winter Concert in December, which includes music, instruments, and dancing. On Monday, May 4th, I joined many other parents, grandparents, and the school community for Music Monday, where each year students, educators, and music makers from across the country participate in the collective singing of the Music Monday Anthem, an original song written by a Canadian artist. Students get to showcase what they have learned and celebrate the power of music and importance of music education. This year the school sang I.S.S (Is Somebody Singing) outside with live piano and bass guitar accompanied by the music teacher and principal. After the Music Monday Anthem, specific classes performed other songs for the school community. Special concerts and programs like this will not be feasible with the current budget of 0.3FTE.

The families of the school through the PAC have supported and invested resources into the music program at Peter Greer including a class set of djembe drums, and we want to see the children continue to learn and thrive through music education.

As I am sure you are aware, music covers many different learning objectives and subjects including literacy and math, as well as social, emotional, and creative growth. It teaches body awareness, hand-eye coordination through clapping, drumming, and instruments. As we are a French Immersion school, learning the language of music also enhances and makes it easier to learn other languages, French included.

Please reconsider the budget for the music program and restore it to at least a 0.5FTE. Additionally, please consider making this program a permanent position to secure music education for year to come.

Thank you for all you do for education in our community.

A proud École Peter Greer Elementary parent,

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