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### **MBMS Band Fee Proposal:**

- Students using a MBMS instrument, either due to the size of the instrument and/or rental cost (Tuba, French Horn, Baritone, etc.), would need to pay a one-time \$25 rental fee for the school year. Students would be able to take their instrument to and from home/school, if they so choose, with the understanding that the instrument does belong to MBMS.

### **What This Fee Would Be Used For:**

- Even if a student is responsible with their instruments, instruments accrue small damages throughout the school year through natural wear and tear. These damages may include: dings in the metal, water key valve replacements, repadding of keys and changing broken drum heads. This fee would be used to fix these small damages that occur yearly.

### **Why Is This Necessary, When There is Already Board Funds for Repairs:**

- I see the funds from the Board Office as funds for large repairs, while said fee would help take care of small, wear and tear damages. For example, I just sent 3 tubas off to the music repair shop, to repair extensive damages. I haven't received an estimate yet, but I figured the cost would be around \$1,300. Again, I see the Board Office funds as being used for these large scale repairs, as well as purchasing new instruments for our students, while the fee would be used to take care of small, wear and tear damages.

### **What If a Family Cannot Pay the Fee:**

- I never plan on telling a student that they cannot play an instrument because their family cannot afford it. I would handle those situations on a case-by-case basis. The fee may be waved in those circumstances.

