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To Whom It May Concern,

Last school year, the Sterling Heights High School Band Program had arguably their best musical achievement year in school history. Every ensemble at every M.S.B.O.A. Festival, earned straight Division I ratings! This included Marching Band, Jazz Band, Cadet Band (District and State), Concert Band (District and State), and Symphonic Band (District and State). Additionally, we had several students earn spots or honorable mentions in the various All-State ensembles. Further, we had 3 of our seniors get accepted into music school with the pursuit of a degree in music education. Many of our other seniors are continuing their music participation with joining various college music ensembles across our state.

This sort of success is not easy and there are MANY factors that contribute to it. In addition to great instruction, hard-working students, dedicated parents and supportive administration, it takes money to run a successful band program. Unfortunately, public school funding and therefore band funding continues to decrease. We largely depend on our Band Booster organization to financially support us and to help continue the types of programs we have available to students so that they can receive the best possible high school band experience. These programs include a Private Lesson Scholarship Program, a Sectional Program where students receive instrument specific instruction from music professionals, and our Guest Clinician Program, where students receive instruction from a music professional (many times college professors) in the large group setting.

Many of you reading this letter have contributed in the past to the success of our band program through your financial generosity. THANK YOU! You can be assured that 100% of your donations help pay for things that directly impact our hard working band students. For those of you considering becoming a Band Patron, perhaps the most impactful thank you is knowing that your donation helps shape the lives of our students.

I am asking for you to please consider making a donation of \$50 or more to the Sterling Heights High School Band Boosters by becoming a Sterling Heights High School Band Patron. If you would like to help us achieve our goals and make a donation, please see the information below on how to do so. Remember that the Sterling Heights High School Band Boosters is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. As an added "thank you", please see our gift giving matrix that is based on your donation level.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and learn a little about the Sterling Heights High School Band Program. And thank you for your consideration in becoming a Sterling Heights High School Band Patron.

Sincerely,

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