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From: Carmichael, David
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To: Templeman, Vivian
Cc: Wofford, Connie
Subject: RE: grants

Thanks for your patience! I'm just now having time to sit down and reply!

I am applying for the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation Grant to seek the purchase of more school instruments. Currently, almost all students using school instruments at TCMS are having to share them with one or more additional students, due to the rapid growth in the size of the band at TCMS over the last five years. With no funding from the Board of Education or from our SBDM council, we can only raise money through fundraising for our band program to cover costs. We typically spend close to \$10,000/year just on necessary trips and supplies, so purchasing instruments (which cost an average of \$1000-7500 each) has been impossible. This grant would supply us with enough instruments to make it so only half of our students would have to continue sharing instruments. If granted, it is only expected that we get word out to the community (which I would do gratefully) about the grant being received, and that those instruments would be provided free of charge to students who qualify (additionally) for free/reduced lunches. The grant foundation would be on site to award the instruments in this case, so I would probably try to get a news station in, in addition to newspaper, etc.

I am applying for the Carpenter Foundation Grant to purchase additional school instruments, as well, for the same purpose. With the band growing from only 34 students in 2008 at TCMS to now well over 150, we just haven't been able to keep up with the demand, given the weakened economy. The Carpenter Grant would allow (if the Mr. Holland's Grant was also received) ALL students to have their own instrument to use, without having to share. This grant would also provide additional funds for travel expenses, music, supplies, and professional development for Mr. Carmichael. If received, expectations include only recognition of the grant to the community (which I, again, would give without hesitation, in as many media formats as I could).

Thanks, Vivian!

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Can someone please send me more information about the Carpenter Foundation Grant and the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation Grant so that I can include that on the board agenda? Thanks

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