



May 3, 2016

Dear Parents of Fifth Grade Students,

We are looking forward to offering the exceptional opportunity for all future sixth grade students to participate in our String Orchestra program this coming school year. The purpose of this letter is to provide basic information and ascertain the interest level of the students and their families so we can adequately organize this course.

Sixth grade string orchestra classes will be taught before school, two to three times per week. Prior musical experience, while helpful, is not a requirement to participate. **There is a one time \$75 fee**, which helps cover some of the basic costs. Because classes will be held before school and no bussing is available, each parent will need to make the necessary arrangements to transport their child (perhaps carpooling with others).

Each student will need to rent his/her instrument (violin, viola or cello) for the coming school year. Approximate costs at local establishments are as follows: monthly rent for a violin ranges from \$14 to \$22, a viola - \$16 to \$30, and a cello - \$27 to \$45. The charge differs for each instrument, depending on the specific size the student needs and the condition of the rented instrument. Nebo School District also has a limited amount of violas and cellos for rent at \$100 for the school year.

If you and your child are interested in participating next year in our string orchestra, please fill out and detach the slip below and return it to our school secretary by May 25<sup>th</sup>. Returning this slip does not obligate your child to participate in the orchestra, but it will be very helpful in planning and preparing to provide this opportunity for the coming school year.

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### Interest in Participating in the 2016-17 Sixth Grade String Orchestra

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument you are interested in playing \_\_\_\_\_

Anything else we need to know \_\_\_\_\_

(Please return to the school office by **Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**)