



City Honors School

AT FOSDICK-MASTEN PARK

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CHS Parents of Students Enrolled in Band:

I am writing you to deliver some mixed news.

Despite the best efforts of our district music director, myself and our partners at regional teaching colleges, we have been unable to secure a temporary band teacher for Mrs. Steiner. There are critical shortages of teachers in our country right now and searching for a temporary teacher mid school-year is particularly challenging.

Based on the number of days that we have been able to provide instruction in band courses this school year, New York State Commissioner regulations will not allow us to award high school students with a credit, even if a teacher were secured at this point. Please be assured that most of our students have already secured the credit they need in the arts to satisfy State requirements or will have that opportunity in their schedule next school year.

And now for the good news- based on the increased budget provided to us by the school district for next year, in concert with our School Based Management Team, we have made the decision to allocate some of this funding to restore our band and orchestral positions in each subject to full-time. City Honors students have a passion for music that is unique and should be matched with the right level of resources. In addition, I consider music to be a critical therapeutic outlet for our students as we make our way back from the isolation of the pandemic.

The district will be posting recruitment bulletins for these positions shortly. We hope to have interviews to select teachers in the next two months so they are ready to begin the school year in September.

Our students have been incredible in responding to the unpredictability and challenges of the past three school years. I am excited for all the normalcy and opportunities we are once again able to provide them. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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