



## MEMO

Date: 02/06/2023

To: Mayor Croslin and Hyattsville City Council

From: Hyattsville Education Advisory Committee

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Under this recommendation, the committee asks the Council to direct city staff to award to each of the following schools: Northwestern High School and Edward Felegy Elementary School.

<b>Applicant/ School</b>	<b>Requested Amount</b>	<b>Recommended Amount</b>	<b>Program Details</b>
<b>Edward Felegy Elementary School</b>	\$496.04	\$500.00	<b>Creating Original Opera:</b> Kids Create Opera is a yearlong project, which has already begun in September 2022. Students meet once a week for 45 minutes. As we move closer to production, the number of meetings will increase. Currently, the students have created an opera company name, logo and a theme for our opera. Beginning in January 2023, students will be exploring each job and applying for three (3) jobs of their choice through a job application process.
<b>Northwestern Highschool</b>	\$500.00	\$500.00	<b>Saxophone Mouthpieces:</b> We are no longer able to share mouthpieces between students. Saxophone mouthpieces for VPA level instruments have been hard to get and have skyrocketed in price. We hope to add three Alto sax mouthpieces to allow us to share saxophone use between students.
<b>Northwestern Highschool</b>	\$500.00	\$500.00	<b>New Jazz Ensemble Music:</b> As I am also an arranger, we have not purchased any new jazz ensemble music in the last ten years. If we needed something I would usually

			write it myself. With the advancement of the art form and additions to what is now considered a part of the standard jazz literature we are behind, and this would be a great start in moving this group forward.
<b>Northwestern Highschool</b>	\$500.00	\$500.00	<b>New Ensemble Music Refresh:</b> The Northwestern jazz band has been under my direction since 2001. Over time the sheet music for the jazz band has deteriorated. Jazz music is a part of what we offer in the school system, but it is not the center of the curriculum focus. With this in mind, budgeting for the amount of music we have amassed and need to replace over the years is not available.
<b>Northwestern Highschool</b>	\$500.00	\$500.00	<b>A Little Cart Goes Along Way:</b> As the number of performing groups at Northwestern High School has increased, so has the need to move items around. Whether it is getting water down to the stadium for Football Games, instruments to the stage for concerts, or speakers and equipment to performances outside of the building.
<b>Northwestern Highschool</b>	\$379.93	\$500.00	<b>Wireless Sound System:</b> Marching Band rehearsal can be quite loud, and the ability to be heard above the fray is important to have a productive rehearsal. For the past few years, the staff have used a small hand-held megaphone, which generally is cumbersome and not very effective, resulting in the director using his "Teacher Voice" to be heard.
<b>Northwestern Highschool</b>	\$500.00	\$500.00	<b>A pop of color:</b> To achieve a look of uniformity at performances the Symphonic Band at Northwestern High School has been using a concert uniform consisting of black

			<p>pants, black shoes, white shirt and black bow tie for males, and black dress or skirts and blouses for females. Before our winter concert, students brought up concerns regarding LGBTQ band members and which uniform they should wear. After a good discussion, the students requested to change our performance attire to all black.</p>
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Please let the EAC know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely, City of Hyattsville, Education Advisory Committee