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Dear Instrumental Musicians and Parents,

This purpose of this letter is to inform you that, as part of the budget process in June 2011, the Fort Bend ISD (FBISD) Board of Trustees instituted an Instrument Use Fee for student use of school-owned musical instruments. In an effort to maintain FBISD's inventory of musical instruments in proper playing condition for current and future student use, an annual \$80 fee will be assessed for the upkeep and repair of those instruments. The Office of Business and Finance, in collaboration with the Fine Arts Department, presently is studying the most efficient way to collect the Instrument Use Fee. Procedures will be in place by late fall; therefore, the Instrument Use Fee for the current school year will be collected at the beginning of the second semester at a prorated amount of \$40.

Students sharing school-owned instruments with others, such as percussion instruments and the larger string instruments, will pay an Instrument Use Fee of \$40 annually; this fee will be prorated to \$20 and collected at the beginning of the second semester as well. The Instrument Use Fee will be waived for all students enrolled in the Free and Reduced Lunch Programs at any campus. More detailed information will be forthcoming later this fall.

The Instrument Use Fee will enable FBISD to extend the lifespan of these musical instruments by generating a revenue source for the proper maintenance and preservation of these valuable assets. We appreciate your participation and cooperation in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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