

KEY MESSAGES – for use when communicating with school administrators or Board Trustees

- There is no need for the pandemic to cause our youth to miss out on the benefits of band any longer. The research is in - with mitigations in place, band programs & playing instruments together can be done safely.
- Whatever accommodations are necessary for health and safety in the short term, the goal must be to resume school band programs, including playing instruments, for the entire 2021-22 school year.
- School boards are trying to keep our students and teachers healthy and safe and are dealing with budgetary restraints, but when making budgetary and scheduling decisions we urge administrators to remember the many health, social and educational benefits our children receive by participating in band.
- Band Directors need the support of school administration and adequate time now to promote, recruit and re-establish interest in band for the 2021-22 school year.
- Band Directors who were re-assigned to other subjects and duties during the pandemic must be allowed to focus on band again to ensure as strong a return as possible.