**Band Parents – Share the sample resolution with your elected School Division Trustees.** *Ask them to make this or a similar formal resolution in support of Band and other arts education programming for the benefit of all students in your School Division.*

Dear {School Board Trustee},

As a {DEDICATED BAND PARENT or BAND PARENT ASSOCIATION} within the {YOUR SCHOOL DIVISION} please consider showing your active and strong support for all arts education, and band programming in particular, within our school division by presenting the following resolution for adoption by our Division.

**Band is Essential Resolution**

Whereas arts education, including band, is key to re-igniting students’ learning in a post-COVID-19 world.

Whereas participation in band has the power to change student’s lives.

Whereas band helps nurture healthy, inclusive communities where all points of view are respected and everyone gets to play.

Whereas arts education experiences, including band, help students understand their own cultural roots and appreciate others’ cultural roots and transitions.

Whereas band supports the social and emotional well-being of students and fosters a positive, safe school environment.

Whereas band has been proven to provide students with a variety of valuable social, health and educational benefits.

**Therefore, {INSERT SCHOOL DIVISION NAME} pledges to maintain and grow our arts education programs, including band, in the 2021-22 school year and beyond.**

Thank you for your ongoing support for our band programs.

Sincerely,

{YOUR NAME or BAND PARENT ASSOCIATION NAME}