



Council Bluffs

Community School District

Dear Alumni, Family, and Friends of the Thomas Jefferson Instrumental Music Department;

We don't have to tell you how important music education is to our young people. It teaches them teamwork and discipline. It challenges them – mentally, physically, and socially – to keep growing and building on previously learned skills. And it makes them better students academically as well.

Even with an administration that is very supportive of the arts the Council Bluffs school district is only able to provide a small portion of the money needed to sustain the high quality of musicianship that has come to be associated with Thomas Jefferson High School. The rest of the funding must come from people who care - people who understand the value of a musical education through personal experience or through the experiences of someone they love. People like you. That's why we're writing to ask your help in making our *Music Matters* drive a success.

We are writing to you because _____ is currently participating in the Thomas Jefferson Instrumental Music program. Or maybe you're a former student yourself who knows firsthand how much you learned and how many friends you made being in orchestra or band while you were at TeeJay.

What will your money go toward? Your money will help _____ and other students travel to competitions where they will learn to put their best efforts toward making their school and themselves proud. Your money will help buy music, uniforms, and instruments for those who otherwise couldn't be in band or orchestra at all. Most importantly, your money – all 100% of it – will go towards ensuring that our students continue to enrich their lives with music, today and in the future.

In June of 2010 the Band, Orchestra, and Choir will travel to Walt Disney World in Orlando Florida for a week of performing and fun in the parks. To make a donation to a student's personal trip account simply list their name below.

Please join us by showing that *Music Matters*. Our suggested giving categories are outlined below:

\$25 and Below	Musician Level	\$26 - \$50	Section Leader Level
\$51 - \$100	Director Level	\$100 and up	Patron of the Arts

Please make your checks out to "Thomas Jefferson High School" and mail them by April 30, 2009, to:
TJBOP
Thomas Jefferson High School
2501 W Broadway
Council Bluffs IA 51501

Just include your name and return address with your donation and we will mail you a receipt.

Thank you in advance for your generous support!
The Thomas Jefferson High School Band and Orchestra Parents (TJ-BOP)



Student: _____ Amount Donated: _____

Address to Send _____

Receipt: _____