TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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Timberlane High School Band, Chorus, Guitar, and Orchestra Families,

I truly hope you and yours have had a wonderful start to the summer and enjoyed the long weekend! I wanted to take a moment to congratulate once more everyone on another successful school year of music making yet again under unprecedented circumstances. The poise, dedication, and grit of our students is truly exceptional, and we are proud of them and their accomplishments!

I also wanted to share the exciting news that, after a two-year hiatus, Timberlane Regional High School will once again be traveling to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida during our Spring Break to share our love of music through performance! The School Board approved this school-related trip at their last meeting, and we are close to having a finalized itinerary. This trip is *optional* and open to any high school student enrolled in Band, Chorus, Guitar Orchestra, or Orchestra for the 22-23 School Year.

This Music Department trip is being greatly supported by the Timberlane Music Association (TMA) who will be managing the financial aspects of such a large endeavor. A trip of this scale would not be possible without the hard work and support of such a fantastic organization comprised of community members and parents just like you.

I know that many of you will have questions regarding the trip – please understand that we are still in the final planning stages and will have an informational meeting for all interested families on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>September 21st at 6:30PM in the Performing Arts Center Auditorium</u>. The first trip payment will also be due at this informational meeting.

Due to the nature of the trip and current state of the cost of travel, we are anticipating that the overall cost will exceed \$2,000 per student. We are exploring all options to reduce the per-person cost but wanted to make you aware now so that your family may plan accordingly. The TMA will be providing several fundraising opportunities throughout the fall and winter to help you offset the cost of the trip for your child. This will also be discussed at our informational meeting in September.

The TMA is planning a brief meeting to discuss and vote on some preliminary aspects of the trip. All are welcome to attend. The meeting will be held on Thursday, July 7 at 7:00PM on Zoom. This is not a general informational meeting, but a business meeting. The link to join is here. The agenda for the meeting is here. They have also generated a TRHS 2023 Disney Trip Frequently Asked Questions document that is live and will be updated as questions come in and are answered. Thank you again to the TMA for all their help and support in facilitating this wonderful performance opportunity!

I hope you have a relaxing and restful summer with your families – see you in the fall!

Sincerely,

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