



**MBPARENTS  
MUSIC  
PROGRAM  
ADVOCACY**

## Music Program Update

May 1, 2020

School Board  
Subcommittee Formed,  
Recent Cuts Still in Place



### **To All Music Students, Parents, Alumni, Friends & Community**

**THANK YOU** for the huge outpouring of love and support for our extraordinary music teachers & phenomenal MBUSD music program in response to recent cuts to the district music program.

Around 300 public comments were submitted to the school board by the end of the board meeting on April 15th. The virtual meeting was attended by over 350 family and community members. The full board meeting can be viewed here: [www.vimeo.com/408542753](http://www.vimeo.com/408542753)

To read the comments submitted to the school board, please go to:  
[www.manhattanbeachmusic.org/budget-cuts-faq](http://www.manhattanbeachmusic.org/budget-cuts-faq)

See Agenda Item "F1" (Part 1, pg. 61-154 and Part 2, pg. 23 to 47), and others under "D2".

As a result of everyone's efforts, the school board has approved the creation of a board subcommittee examining the K-12 Music Program in MBUSD, but...

**Our music teachers and assistants are still facing termination or reduction pursuant to recent cuts to our MBUSD music program.**

### **This is the Time for Information and Action**

**We still need to reverse the recent cuts to the music program, which include:**

- Elimination of the elementary music teacher position for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades.
- Elimination of the music assistant position for all music programs grades 3 through 5.
- Cutting of 6<sup>th</sup> grade zero period, potentially impacting the music program going forward.
- 50% reduction to Mira Costa Choirs & 50% reduction to Mira Costa Orchestra.

## **How can you help?**

Please read the report of Dr. John Benham, national music education expert, which examines these budget cuts, assesses the status of the MBUSD music program, and proposes solutions to current issues. To read a summary of Dr. Benham's report, or to view the full report:

[www.manhattanbeachmusic.org/mbusd-music-report](http://www.manhattanbeachmusic.org/mbusd-music-report)

**Info will follow in the days to come regarding the progress of the school board subcommittee, its research and findings, and what you can do to help. For more information and to sign up for regular music program newsletters, communications, and updates, please go to:**  
[www.manhattanbeachmusic.org/about-us-2#b0ceaf14-2a9f-4b6e-ae98-20972b0e6918%E2%80%9D](http://www.manhattanbeachmusic.org/about-us-2#b0ceaf14-2a9f-4b6e-ae98-20972b0e6918%E2%80%9D)

**Thank you for your support of music in MBUSD!**