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IFA Bands



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IOWA FALLS-ALDEN BANDS

Marching Band ~ Pep Band ~ Concert Band ~ Jazz Ensembles ~ Drumline ~ Color Guard

Dear Supporters of the Iowa Falls–Alden Bands Program and Music Lovers,

As your Iowa Falls-Alden Band Boosters, it's our job to seek out innovative ways to support our thriving IFA Bands program. We are thankful to live among such generous communities with families, individuals, and industry leaders who help provide our students with the opportunity to play beautiful music and succeed. As you well know, we are hearing a whole new quality of song coming from our students and band leaders. This success has led to unprecedented momentum and growth!

We have some exciting news. The IFA Band Boosters are kicking off the **"Band Together"** campaign, a new fundraising effort with the goal of collecting \$100,000 over five years. This effort is being made possible by the generosity of Green Belt Bank & Trust and the Weaver Family, who have committed to match fund all campaign contributions from the public, up to \$10,000 annually, over the next five years! This is an incredible opportunity for the IFA Bands program to raise \$50,000 in needed funds for our ever-growing band program with match funding through the **"Band Together"** campaign.

We are asking for your help to make this campaign a success. Your donations will be matched as described above, but you must make the initial decision to give. While Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Schumaker and Mr. Nicholson have provided the necessary "fuel" to energize our students and the band programs, the fire that burns requires additional resources to continue our growth and success. The number of students in IFA Band has grown from 240 to 350 since 2012. New and refurbished instruments/uniforms are a constant demand. We seek also to provide growth opportunities for our students, so they may continue to improve their skills.

As we look ahead, **"Band Together"** campaign pledges and future donations will be used to provide for ongoing and growing IFA Bands program's needs, such as:

- **Replacement of used instruments**
- **Purchase of new instruments to meet growing demand**
- **Replacement of marching band and concert uniforms**
- **Instruments for financially disadvantaged students**
- **RMS Solo Festival: Judges fees & student awards**
- **Honor Band registration fees and Music Camp scholarships**
- **8th Grade Band university visit and clinic**
- **Middle School Jazz Band Clinic in Clear Lake**
- **Flag uniforms, silks, and accessories**

Please join the IFA Band Boosters and music education proponents by filling out and sending in your pledge form today. The IFA Band Boosters is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Your donation is tax-deductible and 100% of your donation will be used to provide exceptional musical experiences to the students of IFA. All donations will be recognized in our band performance programs throughout the year. Thank you for your support of music in our schools!

Sincerely,

Brad Andrews, President
IFA Band Boosters