

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are pleased that your student is interested in the opportunity to take free instrumental music lessons in their school during the year. Boston Public Schools has wind, brass, percussion, and string instruments available for an instrument rental or maintenance fee of **\$30.00 per school year (in the form of a money order)**. VH-1 instruments are loaned to a growing number of schools to assist in the growth of instrumental music in the Boston Public Schools. The VH-1 \$30.00 deposit for instrument maintenance will be refunded if the instrument is returned in nearly new condition. **In order to collect your VH-1 deposit from the agency which issued you the money order, you MUST retain the stub from your money order.** BPS rental is not refunded. Instruments are rented for the regular school calendar year.

An instrument may be recalled AT ANY TIME for:

- Inadequate class participation or home practice; and/or
- Consistent failure to bring the instrument to school; and/or
- Unpaid rental fee; and/or
- Abuse of the instrument.

The specialized music training your student will receive will be enhanced by your support and supervision of home practice. Daily practice is required to make steady progress.

The \$30.00 fee is **ONLY** payable by **MONEY ORDER**. **Make all money orders payable to: Boston Public Schools.** As the parent or guardian of an instrumental student, you are responsible for the instruments' care and maintenance throughout the school year. You may want to include the instrument on your home or rental insurance policy. **In the event of the instrument's loss or damage, you are responsible for the cost of repair or replacement.**

Parent or guardian permission is necessary for participation in this program. If you wish your child to participate in the BPS instrumental music program, please fill out the attached Agreement and return it to your school with a money order for \$30.00. Your school's music teacher will process your request.

We wish you and your student years of musical learning and enjoyment.

Sincerely,

Greg Gazzola, Program Director

