

# OMEA Music Petition Sheet

## A Brief Rationale for Music Education

Music has always played a major role in society. It exalts the human spirit and enhances the quality of life.

The federal "No Child Left Behind" legislation states that music is a core academic subject. It is a vital element in a quality education for every child.

Music uses one of the most powerful and complex symbol systems in existence, which can be used for the development of critical thinking skills in all students. Research shows that students that are engaged in active hands on music making have an academic edge; all children deserve this opportunity.

Music education provides both motivation and an opportunity for success for at-risk students. Because it is essential that every student succeed in school, music should be used as a means for enhancing self-esteem, respect for others, and good citizenship.

Music helps students with the aspects of life that cannot be quantified. By providing exercises in creative problem solving through composition, performance, and listening, music brings a proper balance to the curriculum.

### **No education is complete without music!**

Yes! I want to make music education a driving force in America's schools. If children are to succeed in the workforce and world of the future, they must be provided with a well-rounded educational curriculum incorporating music and the other arts.

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