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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am excited to welcome you and your student to a new school year and our music education program here at Gateway Lab School. Our objective is to provide a safe, inspiring and motivating musical educational environment for our students.

Music education (creating, learning and performing music) carries a number of benefits for your students which include social, physical and academic skills, the opportunity to raise self-esteem as well as a great form of self-expression.

We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our students can achieve their highest potential in music. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our students need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's music education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our student's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

I wanted to take the opportunity to inform you on some musical opportunities available this year:

- We have partnered with the Delaware Institute for the Arts in Education through their Aesthetic Education Residencies program which gives students new exciting experiences with visual and performing arts through on site workshops with Teaching Artist which concludes with a class trip.
- Students will have access to technology for learning music theory as well as performance and composition through various programs and apps.
- Students will have the opportunity to learn and perform in various ensembles including: **Band, Chorus and Drum Club**

Thank you for this opportunity and your support,

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