



MIRA MESA HIGH SCHOOL  
PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT  
*Director of Orchestras - Matthew Mulvaney*

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**Mira Mesa Orchestra Musicians, Families, and Supporters,**

Our 2017-18 academic year is already well underway! Our musicians returned in August to take part in our *4th Annual Mira Mesa Summer String Camp*. As the calendar turned to September, our focus has shifted to individual fall performance assessments, the return of our section string coaches, our upcoming Concert Cookout, and preparing for a year full of unique musical opportunities.

Our program works diligently each year to ensure that all of our musicians have access to quality instruments, professional guidance, musical selections, and opportunities. While we offer many fundraisers throughout the year to achieve this, our largest source of support each year comes through our donation drive.

Simply put, I am asking you to consider joining me in making an investment in our program. While no single family can possibly fund our entire program, we have been uniformly successful in funding our orchestras through this donation drive.

To illustrate how some of the donations are used, our string coaching investment approaches \$15,000 per year. This is the single biggest investment we make as a program, but is one that plays a central role in the lives of our musicians. Each week, students have the opportunity to work in homogenous groups alongside established string professionals. In essence, it serves as a means of supporting all students (not dissimilar to private lessons) at a fraction of the cost. The unit cost of an hour of instruction, per student, is less than five dollars.

Outside of string coaching, our program accounts for expenses associated with purchasing music literature, repairing instruments, participating in festivals, and providing necessary orchestra supplies, among others.

Donations made to our program are charitable and tax-deductible. The Mira Mesa Instrumental Music Boosters (MMIMB) are a federally registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization (tax identification number: 95-3492413). Donations may be made online or may be made via check (payable to MMIMB – please note ‘Orchestra Donation’ in the memo portion of the check).

**[Make a secure donation online today!](#)**

While donations are always voluntary in nature, I want to encourage everyone to consider supporting our Mira Mesa Orchestras. As is always the case, all proceeds will be directly used to support and guide our wonderful students.

On behalf of all of our musicians, thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Matthew Mulvaney