



# NORTH JUDSON-SAN PIERRE

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Dear Choral and Band Parents,

As you are aware, this school year Ms. DeRossi has been teaching both choral and instrumental music. The program is going very well and she has successfully balanced both. As we plan for the 2015-2016 school year, it is our intention to keep the same format.

We are facing significant budget reductions but feel that we have already reduced music. At this point, there are no plans to make further reductions in this area. However, we do have to make some changes within the music suite. Currently, the weight/conditioning room is in the gym on the second floor behind the bleachers. The area is no longer structurally sound and must be located on the ground level. At this point, major renovations are not possible.

This is not just a sports issue. Physical Education is a required course of study for high school students. Part of the standards that must be taught is physical conditioning. This means that all high school students use the weight room, not just student athletes.

We are fortunate to have one of the most "state of the art" auditoriums in the area with exceptional acoustics. The stage area will be set up as the classroom area for instrumental music. This is where the band actually performs so it is a very feasible alternative and done at other schools where space is a consideration. Mrs. Zupin has consulted with Mrs. DeRossi about the needs she has for music, including secure storage. We are able to do this at a minimal cost and it will take place over winter break. This area will be separated from the weight conditioning area with a wall and locked door. Although this is a much smaller area for conditioning, it is our best alternative at this time. Choral instruction will not change locations.

The intention is not to devalue music. Music is an integral part of the programs we offer our students. However, safety comes first at all times. We are doing what we can to make the best of an unfortunate situation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 574-896-2155 or [ljohnson@njsp.k12.in.us](mailto:ljohnson@njsp.k12.in.us)

Sincerely,

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