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Dear Community Members,

Music4Life™ is a non-profit organization that provides donated and repaired musical instruments at no charge to public school districts for use by students in need. Not all students are interested in instrumental music, but for those who are and whose families cannot afford to purchase or rent a musical instrument, this becomes a barrier to a full basic education.

Research shows that students who participate in school-based instrumental music programs tend to do better academically in math, science, history, literature, international languages, reading and writing, and even in computer science. In addition, participating in a musical program teaches teamwork and self-discipline.

Even during the uncertainty of in-person or online instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Kent Music4Life™ Chapter continues to do all they can to provide musical instruments needed by our students. Surely, food and shelter are preeminent needs for our community. Eventually, we expect to get through the impacts from COVID-19 and are certain the need for musical instruments by our students will be just as important then.

Many people may have gently used musical instruments in their closets, garages, or attics, and putting them back into play allows a new generation of students to benefit. If you or someone you know has a used musical instrument, please consider donating to Music4Life™ and give a student in need the opportunity to grow in new ways. Their donor form for instruments is available on their [website](#). The organization also accepts financial donations for the repair of musical instruments prior to distributing them to school districts like ours.

Kent School District is one of eleven Puget Sound Region school districts to benefit, joining Auburn, Bremerton, Edmonds, Everett, Highline, Marysville, Northshore, Riverview, Seattle, and Shoreline. We invite you to join us in this worthy work.

In gratitude,

Israel Vela
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