

October 2, 2007

Dear Parents of Jefferson and Discovery Band Students:

The Jefferson High School Band Boosters is organized solely to support the band program in District 206, with the greatest emphasis on the summer marching program receiving the bulk of this support and attention.

The band boosters are not an arm or division of the school district. We operate independently and are chartered under the State of MN as a 501 (c) 3 organization which is a legal, not for profit, charitable organization.

The Jefferson High School Band Boosters Board of Directors has been working to update our non-profit organization By Laws that the Band Boosters operate under. These proposed By Laws are the result of over three years of careful work by the Board in conjunction with Paul Johnson, a local attorney, and parent of former band students.

These proposed By Laws are a compilation of By Law revisions that have been proposed and followed over the years since the initial charter. However, in our research of the By Laws, we have been unable to verify that the current and revised By Laws were formally adopted by the parent members or the Board of Directors. If we do not create and maintain current By Laws to operate our organization under, then we are required to operate under a set of generic By Laws that the State adopts. These generic By Laws can change without notice and do not necessarily allow our organization to operate effectively or in keeping with our purpose.

Due to the complication of the lack of formal approval for prior revisions and the need to update our By Laws to incorporate technological changes (e.g. the internet, email), the Board of Directors proposes to adopt By Laws that have been carefully compiled from previous drafts, revisions and updates. This proposed set of By Laws is available to each parent member in three ways. First, a copy can be viewed and downloaded at the JHS Marching Band website at [www.jhsmarchingband.org](http://www.jhsmarchingband.org). Second, if you would like a hard copy, please stop by the Band Office at Jefferson and see Mr. Blaser. Third, you may also request a copy to be sent to you by calling or emailing me at the address below. The Board of Directors intent is to make a copy of the proposed By Laws conveniently available to any parent member.

I encourage your comment, participation and support for our Band program. A requirement of our organization is that a portion of our leadership must turn each year, and it takes new parents to step up and take our places. Please consider writing your name on a ballot at one of the upcoming concerts on November 5<sup>th</sup> and November 8<sup>th</sup> at Jefferson or Discovery. At both of these concerts, you will have a chance to vote for new Board members and also adopt the proposed By Laws.

Thank you for your past and continued support.

Sincerely,

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