

March 13, 2011

Dear Community Member

Due to the State's budget cuts we are challenged to create our coming year's budget with a \$78,000 reduction. Thus, we have decided to raise our music education funding again this year with another program featuring a catered dinner, entertainment and live and silent auctions. We are having our program earlier in the year, on **April 9th** beginning at 5:30PM at the Winema Theater in Scotia, so as not to be competing with so many other events.

Last year we were able to raise \$7,230.00 at our benefit to keep our music program alive in 2010! If it were not for the help of local businesses who donated auction items, there is no way we could have secured this most important part of our student's education. We are writing in hopes you might be able to attend our event.

This year we will have participating students creating some of their own art to be sold in a student auction. We believe this is another way for students to take pride and responsibility in their own art as well as participate in the solution process to the ever-increasing problem of financial cutbacks from the State.

We will be honored once again to have auctioneer Rex Bohn conducting our Live Auction, and we will again have a Silent Auction ongoing throughout the evening.

Entertainment this year includes vocal performances; fiddle playing by our Scotia Elementary Strings group; a performance by children's recording artist, Lisa Monet; Filipino Dancers and more!

Another fine catered buffet-style dinner will be prepared by C. C. Market featuring: a salad bar, beef tri-tip served with horseradish, baked chicken, red potatoes with butter and garlic, green beans with slivered almonds and butter, tortellini with Alfredo sauce, and desserts!

We would like to extend an invitation for our auction donors to attend the entertainment program free of charge. We will be contacting you in the coming weeks inquiring about donations, or you can mail or fax the response slip included and we'll call to arrange for your item to be picked up by **April 1st**.

We can't begin to tell you how much your help is appreciated by our students, staff and parents.

Sincerely,

Jaenelle Lampp
Superintendent/Principal of Scotia Union School District