



# “Supporting the Advancement of Music Education in our Schools”

2016–17 SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We hope that you will join us as **Friends of Music (FOM)** prepares for another exciting school year. **Friends of Music** was created by Region 18 parents in the early 1980s to support the music programs in our schools, and we continue to offer this support throughout the Lyme–Old Lyme Public Schools, grades K through 12, in many different ways. We provide ‘helping hands’ by arranging volunteers to assist with such things as providing water to student musicians at the Memorial Day Parade and distributing high school band and chorus concert uniforms. We also grant special requests from the music faculty of all the schools for non-budgeted items.

Over the past few years, **FOM** has financed guest musicians for the HS Concert Chorus Masterworks Concert, commissioned a new work for the HS Wind Ensemble, purchased an activity rug for the Lyme School music program, provided adjudicators for the middle school music program, and sponsored buses as well as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade year-end band pizza party. The **FOM** scholarship program supports individual students through subsidizing private music lessons for students in need. We also award scholarships to graduating seniors who have demonstrated excellence in the music program as well as challenging themselves academically; last June we granted \$3,500 in awards to graduating seniors. Last December our High School Band and Chorus participated in a special concert in Hawaii commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. In the year leading up to the trip, **FOM** devoted most of its efforts to raising funds to help defray the costs of the historic trip.

It is through your generosity and involvement that **FOM** is able to provide this support. We raise money through direct donations, the sale of Stop & Shop grocery cards, and with periodic fundraising activities ... so stay tuned! Please consider becoming a member today. We hold six meetings each year and would love your input at them.

- Please make a monetary donation and become an FOM Patron. Visit our website to donate online, or send your check made out to ‘Friends of Music’ to: **Friends of Music, P.O. Box 4, Old Lyme, CT 06371**. As a registered 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, we can accept employers’ matching funds.
- Please consider sharing some of your time and ideas for continuing the work of Friends of Music, and join us at our meetings. We look forward to seeing you!

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(Please enclose with your contribution)

YES, I am interested in being a Friend of Music for the 2016-17 year. Our fiscal year runs 7/1 to 6/30

Name \_\_\_\_\_ \*e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
(As you would like to be listed in FOM programs)

My company has a Matching Gift Program and I will forward and process the paperwork for a match.

Student Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Involvement: \_\_\_ Chorus \_\_\_ Band (check any that apply)

Parental Involvement: \_\_\_ fundraising \_\_\_ volunteer \_\_\_ donation