

IMPLICATIONS FOR PERFORMANCE GROUPS – COMPILATION OF COMMITTEE COMMENTS (12.12.16)

NOTE: Checkmarks reflect multiple instances of the same comment; percentages show majority comments in “benefits” and “challenges” categories.

BENEFITS FOR K-5 (Current) = 18/54

CHALLENGES FOR K-5 (Current) = 14/45

BENEFITS FOR K-6 (New) = 36/54 (67%)

CHALLENGES FOR K-6 (New) = 31/45 (69%)

K-5 (Current)		K-6 (New)	
Benefits	Challenges	Benefits	Challenges
Band is after school✓	6 th grader’s only option is SSR opposite band offering✓✓✓✓	General Music✓✓	One less grade to contribute to HS band✓✓✓✓✓
Grade 4/5 Chorus	Education should be free and you should not have to rent an instrument to fill a school day schedule	Grades 7-8 are a good age grouping skill-wise✓✓✓✓✓	Grade 4-6 chorus might be very large✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
5 th grade band potentially more individualized attention✓✓	6 th grade has music/band in school not after✓	7 th graders can shine and have more chance for solos✓✓✓	Band might get too small so kids don’t want to play✓✓✓
Size of band is doable✓	5 th grade has no one to look to for advice	5 th grade gets to perform/learn with older kids✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓	Grade 4-6 might be challenging – 3 grades/age wise✓
Band during the day for 6 th grade	Band 8-12: 8 th grade students don’t get to shine	6 th graders have own art/music classes/lessons during the school day✓	New challenges for schedules✓
Skill for band lesson similar✓	One year of band prior to transition	Band is an afterschool activity✓✓	Space for larger groups✓
7 th grade pulls up 6 th grade	Band is held after school	Band/chorus 9-12 is less people and easier to manage	Band after school
8-12 band number of participants is high✓✓	9-12 band will lose many players	8 th grade gets to shine in 7/8 before moving up✓✓	Increase in lessons at TJC
Teachers configure schedules to all team to teach to strengths	6 th graders not ready for more advanced band – drop out	Grades 9-12 have similar skills✓	
9-12 band can be more challenged		Band set-up looks good	
Grade 4/5 chorus is smaller if required for all		Two years of band to learn/explore instruments prior to transitioning to the MS	
		More kids in band	