

## Parents & Board Join Forces to Maintain Band Program

Looking at mounting financial concerns, while attempting to maintain as many opportunities for the students, the Board of Education faced a hard decision last spring with how to handle the Prairie Hill and Cary Junior High band program. In the end the decision was to move to a joint venture in which the school district would absorb approximately one-half of the cost of the program while asking parents to contribute the remaining funds. This amounted to \$300 for students to enroll in the band program. The results have been better than expected, with 117 students enrolling in the Junior High band program and 275 students enrolling at Prairie Hill. While this does reflect a decrease from last year's numbers the program is still going strong and the students appear to be enjoying the chance to perform. At the Junior High, full band rehearsals have been moved to a 7:00 a.m. time slot, with the students receiving a full 48-minute class at least twice per week. Sectional rehearsals are held throughout the day, with students having at least one half hour sectional offered each week. Jazz Band meets on Friday mornings. Prairie Hill offers a similar schedule. Students arrive for morning band rehearsals at 7:45 a.m. twice a week. Each student has a group lesson once a week during the school day. Band has been an integral part of the District 26 program for years and, it is hoped, will continue to remain strong. The current status of the program is evidence of what can happen when parents and the district share a common goal: excellent music instruction for the children.

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# Financial Update Status of District 26

January 18, 2005

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# BAND PROGRAM

**Cost of 04-05 Band Program**

**\$170,143.44**

**Total Band Fees Received**

**\$113,330.00**

**Total Fees Outstanding \$ 3,385.00**

**Total Fees Assumed by Board**

**\$ 2,100.00**

	Student Participation	
	2003	2004
Prairie Hill	354	267
Junior High	188	118

# District 26

# BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

2005 – 2006 School Year  
(FY 06)

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# Other Fees

- Maintain Band Fee at \$300.00
  - Collect fee by first day of school
- Maintain In-house sports fee at \$100.00
- Maintain Competitive Sports fee at \$200.00