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Union Board of Education

I am writing to propose that Union High School serve as one of the few select weekend rehearsal facilities for Legacy Drum and Bugle Corps, a newly formed Drum Corps International (DCI) organization based in northern New Jersey. Legacy is a program offered by Dream Performing Arts. Legacy is preparing for its inaugural competitive season, and as the corps establishes itself, it is seeking a reliable rehearsal location for selected weekends during the winter and spring months.

Hosting Legacy's rehearsals would reestablish our community's historical connection to world-class drum corps performance and provide a unique benefit to our students. Union music and color guard students and others throughout the region would have the opportunity to participate in a premier performing arts ensemble, gaining inspiration and advanced musical and visual experience that aligns with our department's goals of excellence and lifelong engagement in the arts.

All costs, insurance, and facility use fees associated with Legacy's rehearsals would be fully covered by the organization. Additionally, I would be personally present at all scheduled rehearsals to ensure that all school policies, procedures, and expectations for facility use are followed.

The specific rehearsal dates would be proposed in advance for administrative and board approval and would not be scheduled as to interfere with Union High School programs or events. Typical rehearsals would include use of the auditorium, band room, and choir room. Use of the gym would also be ideal, when available.

Partnering with Legacy Drum and Bugle Corps represents a meaningful opportunity for Union High School to support a high-level performing arts organization while extending valuable learning opportunities to our own students and alumni. I believe this collaboration would reflect positively on the school and community, reinforcing our shared commitment to music education and excellence in performance. Furthermore, Union HS students would not be charged any weekend rehearsal camp fees until such time as they receive and elect to sign a performer contract.

Thank you for considering this proposal. I would be happy to meet with the board to discuss details, scheduling, and logistics at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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