

To Whom in may Concern:

As a senior citizen who has spent a lifetime making music (teaching, performing and composing), I absolutely believe that every child deserves the chance to have a quality musical education. Music is a joyful way to spend a lifetime!

Here are but a few quotes from the extraordinary music educator, Shinichi Suzuki, who expressed the benefits of music far better than I ever could:

“Musical ability is not an inborn talent but an ability which can be developed. Any child who is properly trained can develop musical ability just as all children develop the ability to speak their mother tongue. The potential of every child is unlimited.”

“The heart that feels music will feel people.”

“Perhaps it is music that will save the world.”

Please restore the promised funding to the Music Haven program.

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