



# **Fine and Performing Arts**

**Presentation to the Board of Education  
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# For consideration: Orchestra

- Orchestra = strings (all instruments come in smaller sizes to accommodate all learners)
- Classical genre as well as “fiddle” music
- More professional careers (over 1000 professional orchestras in the US compared to 2 professional bands)
- Students with challenges related to embouchure (mouth placement on a wind instrument) can be successful
- Adding a third ensemble makes it possible to offer “Music for All” (chorus, band, and orchestra)
- Rote to note/modified Suzuki method
- All but 3 districts in Nassau have strings/orchestra

Violin



Viola



Cello



Double Bass



# Possible Hurdles:

- Could reduce number of students in the band program
  - Vernon combined 5th and 6th band
  - OBHS could reduce to one band 9-12
- Would reduce number of rehearsals at the elementary level (3 ensembles divided by a 6-day cycle)
- Space (classroom and storage of cellos and basses)
- Part-time teacher or within dept (shuffle of positions)

# Recommendation:

Start in 4th grade

- Phase-in over time (9 years to fully implement)
- First public performance beginner orchestra Spring 2021



# Costs



Added to “Material/Supplies,” “Equipment,” “Repairs/Contracts,” “Textbook” codes

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
	\$12,000	\$8,600	\$5,000	\$11,000	\$8,500	\$9,600	\$4,200	\$2,000	\$2,000
FTE	0.4	0.6	0.8*	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5*	1.5	1.5
* denotes adding a position				1st year w/ orch at HS		Share equip w/ Mid Level			



# Questions?

