



# BECOME A BAND SPONSOR!

*Springfield High School of Science and Technology*



Dear Band Supporter,

Our SciTech Band students have accomplished so much this year because of support from our generous band sponsors! Their contributions have helped make this year a success for all of our students! I am proud to say that we are continuing to bring positive news back to Springfield!

As we look ahead next year to a growing SciTech Band with over **500** students involved, we are in need of individuals, families, businesses, churches, and other organizations to come alongside us and become SciTech Band sponsors for the 2017-2018 school year. Today, we are hoping that you will consider becoming a sponsor of the SciTech Band.

Maintaining a quality high school music program requires commitment from students, parents, and educators. It also requires the financial support of generous sponsors who will enable the SciTech Band to continue to expand, to maintain the existing instrument inventory, to provide instruments to those who might not otherwise afford them, and to cover numerous other expenses large and small that are not included in our school or district budget. For these reasons, we write to ask for your assistance in ensuring the success of our band students by becoming a 2017-2018 SciTech Band sponsor.

When you complete the enclosed sponsorship form and return it with your tax deductible donation, you will become a valued patron of one of the most recognized music programs in Massachusetts. We offer several levels of sponsorship but no gift is too small. If you are interested in donating instruments or services to the band, we would be thrilled to discuss that with you, also! Please review the enclosed form for more details and complete and return the sponsorship application right away. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email. Thank you for your support and we hope to hear from you soon!

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# WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH SPONSOR SUPPORT...



- ♪ Our students reported that their attendance and grades improved because they had band to look forward to in school!
- ♪ This year, students who are in our band for more than one year are **three** times more likely to stay in school!
- ♪ Any at-risk student who is in our band for more than one year is **twice** as likely to stay in school and will dropout at a rate **half** as much as their peers!
- ♪ Our students were the recipients of the 2017 Massachusetts Commonwealth Award, the state's highest honor given for achievement in the arts. The award shines a spotlight on the extraordinary contributions made by the arts, sciences, and humanities to education, economic vitality, and quality of life in communities across Massachusetts. Our students were invited to the Massachusetts State House in Boston to perform and accept the award.
- ♪ In 2015 our band was the subject of a national documentary about the transformative power of student ownership in the classroom by Emmy Award winning and Academy Award nominated film director Larry Hott! This year, the film was used as a motivational tool for teachers and students across the country!
- ♪ The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame reached out to the SciTech Band to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual SciTech Band Day for the Springfield community. The event featured interactive band exhibits led by student leaders, a screening of SciTech Band's documentary titled *SciTech Band: Pride of Springfield*, and a live performance by students at the Hall of Fame!
- ♪ We were able to sustain two additional band directors so that we can reach every student and we continued to build and expand our after-school mentoring program called Mentoring Through Music (MTM)!
- ♪ We expanded our instrument inventory! We expanded our Peer-2-Peer Mentoring Program called P2P to help support student achievement in English, Math, Science, and History and added a new mentoring program called Life That's Full which connects SciTech students and college mentors from the University of Massachusetts!
- ♪ We expanded our Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, chamber ensembles, Music Production Program, and AP Music Theory Program!
- ♪ 30 of our students were selected to perform in the 2017 University of Massachusetts Honor Band, 2 of our students were selected to perform in the 2017 Massachusetts All State Lions Band, and we deepened our partnership with the Community Music School of Springfield!
- ♪ We performed at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Live Art Magazine Show at the Academy of Music Theatre in Northampton, Massachusetts, the 2016 Basketball Hall of Fame Enshrinement Ceremony, the 2017 Pioneer Valley Project Members in Community Action Honoree Awards Celebration, and at the 2017 Springfield Public Schools Youth Art Month Gallery Opening at the Eastfield Mall.
- ♪ Our students performed successfully for the community at our 10<sup>th</sup> annual winter concert (Winterfest) and our 11<sup>th</sup> annual spring concert (ArtsAlive), for our seniors, their parents, and our faculty at our 2017 Class Day, and for our graduation ceremony at Springfield's Symphony Hall!
- ♪ We performed at Springfield Classical High's Annual Holiday Celebration, Springfield Museum's Annual Quadrangle Lighting Ceremony, SciTech's Parent Open House, Springfield's High School Choice Night, SciTech's International Fair, Gerena Elementary School's Spring Showcase, Springfield's Annual Downtown Pancake Breakfast, at every Springfield Middle School!
- ♪ We hosted our annual band family cookout & our annual band family banquet celebration for students and their families! We also hosted our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Music Production "Music Is Power" Coffee House!
- ♪ We selected and elected our 12<sup>th</sup> SciTech Band student leadership team! We also reached out to over 1,000 Springfield middle school and elementary school students!
- ♪ We took field trips to visit the University of Massachusetts Minuteman Marching Band and to see the annual UMASS Multiband Pops Concert!
- ♪ We hosted 4 band fun nights for students—3 movie nights & a Jenga Championship night!
- ♪ Our students were featured on our public television station—WGBY, on [masslive.com](http://masslive.com), on our local news channels, in the Springfield Republican Newspaper, and in the Boston Globe Newspaper!
- ♪ Students led two community forums about our program, highlighting how students' lives are being transformed!
- ♪ Over 500 students want to be in our band program next year and over 50 students applied to become band leaders!