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On behalf of the students, faculty & staff of Woodmere Elementary School I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your consideration in assisting us implementing a music program. The attached requested list of instruments would begin a music initiative at Woodmere Elementary that we believe will assist our students academically, socially and emotionally as they continue to recover from the effects of Hurricane Katrina. As you will see in the attached Power Point presentation, our school was completely devastated by Hurricane Katrina ("*Katrina*"). After *Katrina*, we spent one school year double housed in a sister school and we have just completed our second year in 38 modular classrooms. Our district estimates we will be in these modular classrooms for approximately two to three (2-3) years, based on the timeline set forth for completion of our new school. Nevertheless, we feel a great need to meet our students where they are in order to move them where they need to be and implementing a music program is an outstanding way to accomplish this task. With your assistance we will be able to create a "percussion" music class for our students that will include a myriad of percussion instruments and teacher/student resources. I am excited about your desire to make a difference in the lives of our students, teachers and administrators and most importantly I am thankful for the indelible marks that will be left in our lives because of your kindness, consideration and generosity.

If I can be of any further assistance or if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (504) 371-0476.

Respectfully submitted,

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