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Ms. Marilyn Mathis
Murfreesboro City Schools
2552 South Church Street
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Dear Ms. Mathis:

How fortunate we are to live and work in a county and community like Murfreesboro and Rutherford County where the arts thrive because of broad-based community support, citizen involvement and participation. Most weekends on the calendar provide multiple opportunities to attend one or more arts programming event. Music and the arts contribute in so many ways to the dynamic spirit and energy level which so aptly describes our community life.

I just wanted to thank you for your support of the arts in the past and to encourage you to continue to work for additional arts education and opportunities in our schools. With the growing numbers of students interested in learning to play string instruments, I want to encourage your support at every level of adding string instruction to our county schools. The development of an academic magnet high school scheduled to open in two years provides a perfect beginning for consideration of string instruction.

Thanks for your support and consideration.

Cordially,

Danny R. Jones
Executive Director