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Dear ALF Instrumental Music Families,

It is with much disappointment, but a large dose of reality, that ALF Instrumental Music has made the decision to cancel our February concerts. It is just not the right time to have sixty to seventy students from our three elementary schools gathering together at Lanterman Auditorium for each of the rehearsals and concerts, not to mention a few hundred family members in the audience.

We have also been reluctant to schedule our Sectionals, the special practices held in the CMR at ALF, due to the increased risk associated with the Omicron variant. These activities also bring students together from the three schools and because they are after school, the encroaching dark and cooling temps mean most of the sessions are held inside.

We will continue our weekly classes with the bands back outside as long as we are in this surge (ALF's decision). At this point it is just too difficult to plan ahead, so there are no plans to reschedule these mid-year concerts.

There is also news regarding our Spring Concerts scheduled for the first week of May. I just learned that two of the schools have rescheduled their Valley Forge trips, so the first three weeks of May are no longer options for our concerts. I am waiting to see if Lanterman is available the last week of April and will let you know when we have a new date set.

Covid has proved to be a formidable foe this year with a wide ripple effect reaching our Music program. We so appreciate our instructors, students, and families, for continuing to adapt to the challenges Covid has brought this year.

Sending my best to you all ~

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