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To our ALF Instrumental Music families and faculty:

In 1985, when the La Cañada School District could no longer support music instruction because of lack of funds after Proposition 13, they approached Assistance League of Flintridge and asked if the members of our organization could provide an instrumental music program. The women agreed to do it for the community. For almost 40 years, our ALF volunteers have arranged for classes; hired and paid the instructors; purchased, maintained and rented hundreds of instruments; registered the students; hosted concerts; and provided publicity.

The time has come that LCUSD will take back the responsibility for students' instrumental music training. At their recent school board meeting they decided to contract with an outside company for the 2024-2025 school year. ALF has been assured that the cost will be comparable. We assume the district will be sending out the details of the new program when they have them worked out.

This decision does not affect the remainder of our music program for the current school year. Our ALF classes will continue as planned, with our concerts at Lanterman Auditorium on May 8th and 9th. Summer School music classes will also continue.

It has been a pleasure to witness the joy of music and the progress of hundreds of young music students over the years. Recent chairmen Nancy Gunther and Mary Carney have provided countless hours of outstanding work administering ALF Instrumental Music. It is with heavy hearts that we discontinue the program, however, this allows our members to concentrate on our continuing Summer School, Operation School Bell, ALFies in Action, Drama, and Assisteens endeavors.

If you have questions, please contact ALF Instrumental Music Chairman Mary Carney at instrumentalmusic@alflintridge.org, or Philanthropic Administrator Susan Bolan at 818-790-2211 at programs@alflintridge.org.

Thank you for your participation in the program. We hope music will always be a source of joy in your lives.

Sincerely,

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