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Dear Band and Spirit Parents,

I want to thank our band directors for successfully orchestrating the summer move. It's the third move in as many years, and is the final move! It has been nice to see our students doing pre-camp work on the stadium field. I'm excited for the upcoming year.

Thanks to all of our outgoing BBA officers! Your service to all of the students in our Band and Spirits program has been invaluable. I appreciate your willingness to mentor new officers as they take on their new roles.

Our new BBA board is a blend of band and Spirit members. Spirits, as you may or may not know, were "born of band" back in the 1990's. Marching band is functionally one unit with color guard and instrumental musicians. Our involvement with the "drum and bugle corps" marching format led the color guard program to join the Midwest Color Guard (winter performance) Circuit, so as to compete in the style of our band program. Previously, we competed in the Illinois Dance Team Association Circuit, similar to our Pom program.

Historically, we have had Spirit representatives at the table of BBA meetings. At one point, BBA Vice President, Norb Gross, represented both band and Spirits (a daughter in each program). Post-marching band season, the extra-curricular portions of the program diverge. Jazz starts up and the MWCG/WGI (Winter Guard International) season begins. Veteran guard members must participate in the following fall marching band season to remain eligible for each winter season.

As a booster organization, the BBA has supported the development of all facets of the Band and Spirit program. Hosting home shows has provided more opportunities to collaborate and share resources. Paul DeKruiff, our new BBA president and a Spirit parent, has energy and ideas on how to continue to meet the financial needs and program goals set forth by the band directors. Paul is involved with several community organizations, including the Jaycees, the Rotary Club of Naperville-Sunrise and the Stepperettes program.

The continued support of volunteer parents benefits all of our NCHS students. I thank the new BBA board in advance and encourage every parent to get to know Paul and his leadership team.

Sincerely,
Lynne Nolan
Dean of Student Activities

