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LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL GRENADIER BAND AND ORCHESTRA PARENTS CLUB PO Box 226 Bethlehem, PA 18016-0226

Dear Lehigh Valley Community,

The Liberty High School Grenadier Band has been an integral part of the Bethlehem community, as well as the greater Lehigh Valley for 90 years. This year, the 288-member Grenadier Band has the great honor to represent the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the Waikiki Holiday Parade to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The band, along with members of Liberty's chorus, will be traveling to Hawaii during Thanksgiving week to perform at the USS Missouri, the USS Arizona Memorial and march in the parade. This trip is sure to be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and experience for our students.

With any trip of this magnitude, the fundraising tasks are always monumental. However, with the support of the community and local businesses, we can help give our students an experience they will never forget. Though the students have been busy doing individual fundraising, there are many costs for a trip of this scale that present many challenges. As we draw closer to our departure date, the logistics of shipping the instruments, uniforms, and luggage prove to be a daunting hurdle. This is where we are asking for help from our local community.

Our request is for donations to help defray the expenses of the transportation of the uniforms, instruments and luggage and offset some of the costs to students. Each donation received will go towards these purposes. In turn, this will help lower the cost of the students' individual trip. With a trip cost of \$3,000, families have made many sacrifices to ensure their children can have this experience. Your donation can help alleviate some of that burden and ensure all of our band members are able to participate in this great event.

Should you feel so moved to make a donation to this great effort, we ask that all contributions be made out to The Foundation for the BASD and mailed to: Julie Bailey, Executive Director, The Foundation for BASD, P.O. Box 646, Bethlehem, PA 18106. Please enclose a note stating that the contribution should be directed towards the Liberty High School Grenadier Band. The Foundation for the Bethlehem Area School District is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

We cannot thank you enough for taking the time to consider a donation to the Liberty High School Grenadier Band. Our goal is to send as many students as we can, while keeping the financial burden to a minimum for the families of those students traveling. Your donation is greatly appreciated! We look forward to sharing our stories with you upon our return and having you as a guest at our spring concert.

Sincerely,

## THE LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL GRENADIER BAND & ORCHESTRA PARENTS CLUB

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