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Dear Parents and Guardians of Orchestra Students,

 This letter is to inform you that we will be distributing instruments to your child starting Wednesday, September 3rd. This is the first of many steps in our journey towards a successful year. It is at this time that the district requires the payment of the yearly instrument maintenance fee. The maintenance fee covers overall expenses that are incurred throughout the year to maintain our instruments. The Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District does not rent instruments to students, as this is the ninth year in which each school owns the instruments that we provide to our students. This is a very special and rare opportunity for our students. We also want to assure you that Kennedy High School provides the finest possible quality of instruments to all students.

 Therefore, we will be requesting students who use a Kennedy High School instrument to pay a fee of **$80** in the form of a **check made out to Bellmore-Merrick CHSD.** Your child will not be able to receive an instrument until we have received the check for the maintenance fee.

 Thank you for your continued support of our school music program and I look forward to meeting with you at all school events. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at anytime.

 Sincerely,

 Kimberly Musial

 Director of Orchestras