

March 16, 2020

Dear Parents:

The **Lincoln East High School Band Department** will be embarking on an exciting trip to **Nashville, March 10-13, 2021**. This trip is for the **Lincoln East HS Band** students, staff, and sponsors. This trip will include a clinic and a public performance for the ensemble, as well as many other activities. Our philosophy on this student trip is simply this: to represent **Lincoln East High School** and the surrounding area, to gain a greater understanding of our world thru travel and education, and to reward those students that have made a commitment to the **Lincoln East HS Band Department**.

The teacher, along with the guidance of the administration and the travel consultant, are the coordinators of this trip. These people will collectively make all decisions relating to this student trip. **The cost of the trip is \$868.00 per student, based on a minimum of 170 student participants in quads and 12 free staff members in doubles.** The cost of the trip includes, transportation, lodging, tickets for shows / points of interest, and some meals. The student/parent will be responsible for covering other meals and things such as souvenirs, snacks or any other expenditures not covered by the cost of the trip.

Students who are eligible for the Free/Reduced Lunch program in the 2020-2021 school year are eligible for reduced trip costs. You must complete the application after July 1st, 2020. Band Boosters do not have access to this information. The link to apply is here: <https://home.lps.org/ns/free-reduced/>

The **first payment of \$200.00** will be due by **May 15, 2020**. We know this may seem early; however, it is important to have everyone included on this deposit date to secure housing and tickets for the correct number of people.

The **second payment of \$175.00** will be due on or before **July 15, 2020**.

The **third payment of \$175.00** will be due on or before **September 15, 2020**.

The **fourth payment of \$175.00** will be due on or before **October 15, 2020**.

The **final payment of balance due (\$143.00** if numbers are the same), including any late payments, will be due on or before **November 15, 2020**. **This will be a balloon payment and the dollar amount listed above is only an approximation. This final payment could be affected by a variety of factors including the number of participants on the trip.**

***A student not paid in full on or before November 15, 2020, will be dropped from the trip roster and NO REFUNDS will be issued. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

There are no penalties for early payment.

Students who are interested in fundraising activities to help subsidize the cost of their trip are welcome to do so. Any fundraisers outside of those provided by the Boosters **MUST** be approved by the Band Booster Executive Board prior to the student's participation in the fundraiser.

Please read and sign the attached trip contract and return it to your teacher, along with your first payment, on or before May 15, 2020. If we do not receive your signed contract you will not be considered eligible to accompany the Lincoln East HS Band students on the 2021 Nashville trip.