

# Crete-Monee School District 201-U

## *Beginning Band*

### Information about Instruments

Dear Parents:

One of the most important issues is the purchase or rental of an instrument. There are many options available to acquire an instrument, and many tempting offers. Unfortunately, as we all know, if it sounds to good to be true, it probably is! We offer a rental program with high quality student-line instruments through Quinlan and Fabish Music Company, and you will be able to sign up for that rental program at Beginning Band Sign-Up Night on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. However, we realize that parents like to explore their options before signing up. The purpose of this letter is to give you some guidelines of what brands of instruments to look for when purchasing or renting an instrument. **It is very important that students learn to play on high quality instruments.** Students will not achieve success on a poor quality instrument no matter how much they practice. Also, some brands on the market do not allow for repairs. Repairs and upkeep on instruments is essential, and many repair shops are unable to work on foreign-made brands due to their construction method and materials. Check your rental contract for maintenance insurance, so repairs can be made quickly at no additional cost to you.

The best play to purchase or rent instruments is through a reputable music store. However, if you decide to purchase elsewhere, please refer to the list of recommended brands below. Following these recommendations will offer your child the highest chance of success and save you money in the long run. If you have any questions regarding the purchase of an instrument, or would like us to check an instrument that you already have, please don't hesitate to contact us.

### Recommended Brands

#### Flute

Armstrong  
Sonare  
Yamaha  
Gemeinhardt  
Jupiter

#### Oboe

Selmer  
Yamaha

#### Clarinet

Buffet  
Leblanc  
Selmer  
Vito  
Yamaha  
Jupiter

#### Alto Saxophone

Selmer  
Yamaha  
Jupiter  
Accent  
Vito

#### Trumpet

Bach  
Yamaha  
Jupiter  
Conn  
King

#### Trombone

Bach  
Yamaha  
King  
Conn  
Getzen  
Holton  
Blessing

#### Baritone

Yamaha  
Jupiter  
King

#### Percussion (Bell Kit)

Pearl  
Ludwig  
Yamaha