

## NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF GRADE SIX AND SEVEN STUDENTS

### **RE: Elementary Music Instruction**

Beginning this school year, 2012-2013, the Delta Board of Education will ensure specialized teaching instruction is provided to all grade six and seven students in the Delta School District. This is a departure from previous practice and is intended to ensure that our senior elementary students are provided with the wonderful opportunity to explore their perhaps undiscovered interest and talents in music.

The program will be phased in over two years, with a focus for the first year in providing a variety of music topics and experiences to the grade six students, and instrumental music instruction for grade seven.

Like all new programs, this project will have some growing pains. For grade sevens, we are working closely with local music al instrument companies and readying for "Instrument Demonstration Nights" followed with a "Band Rental Night" meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup> at Jarvis to organize our new musicians. With over twenty elementary schools expanding programs in music instruction, your support and involvement will be critical for a successful implementation.

As music is included in the elementary curriculum, all students will be included in this program just as they are for all other subjects. Similarly, parents are responsible for providing a suitable musical instrument for their child's musical instruction. In most cases, instruments can be rented, and, as always, arrangements can be made through the school should finances be a concern.

As mentioned above, more information will arrive home early in September from your child's school. If you have any specific questions, please contact your child's school.

Please join us in this wonderful experience and opportunity for your child.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow reminds us, "*Music is the universal language of mankind.*"

Office of the Deputy Superintendent