

October 20, 2016

Dear Music Families, District 204 Administration, and School Board Members,

Since the Grammy Signature Schools program began in 1998, Indian Prairie School District 204 has been the proud recipient of numerous honors and recognitions during every year of the program. All three high schools have received accolades because they have built upon the solid foundation of music education that occurs in the elementary and middle schools. The Grammy Signature Schools program has honored our well rounded programs that have showcased a strong emphasis in band, choir and orchestra performance classes as well as our rich co-curricular offerings.

This letter is meant to inform everyone that changes in the Grammy Signature Schools program prevent us from further participation. They are only continuing the Grammy Signature Enterprise Award, which highlights programs in financial need. From their website (<http://www.grammyintheschools.com>):

“We’ve completed the transition to a program that awards and provides grants to schools based upon need. We have therefore suspended the qualitative GRAMMY Signature Schools program element. We will continue with the GRAMMY Signature Schools Enterprise Award and Community Award. We will present these awards in geographic regions in which we can find financial resources to support. We have confirmed Los Angeles County and will notify you as other locales are identified.”

Since our entire community has enjoyed the honors from the Grammy Signature Schools program for so long, we know there is an expectation of continued success. Should the Grammy Signature Schools program return to its previous level of participation in future years, we will apply. While we are proud to have been recognized by the Grammy program over the years, our most valued accolade is the continued support of the District 204 educational community.

Sincerely,

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