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Dear Instrumental and Choral Music Students and Parents:

We are excited to share our preliminary plans for Music Education during this upcoming school year. As registration opens, we want to assure you that music will be taught whether we are on-campus or in some form of online instruction while always adhering to District/CDC guidelines.

For our talented grade 6 – 12 music students, TUSD Fine Arts has created the Music at Home Academy – a unified online platform serving the entire district for our current secondary instrumental and vocal music courses. To support this Academy, TUSD has purchased SmartMusic and Breezin’ Thru Theory (online software subscriptions) for our music students. Every secondary student enrolled in an on-campus music course will automatically be enrolled in the co-requisite Music at Home online version of his/her course as a supplement.

SmartMusic will give students the ability to

- Maintain access to quality music education whether in person or online
- Work on course goals for 30 – 45 minutes per day, or the weekly equivalent
- Play, record, listen and self-evaluate at their own pace
- Play individual musical parts with full accompaniment
- Submit performance recordings to their teachers
- Receive grades based on individual performance of specific music benchmarks
- Explore a complete library of instrumental and choral music (including Mariachi)
- Continue music instruction asynchronously to facilitate home situations

Please make certain to register for the appropriate music class or classes at your school.

If you have further questions, do not hesitate to email joan.ashcraft@tusd1.org.

We look forward to the new opportunities awaiting our students!

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