



Burnaby North Secondary School Marching Band

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The purpose of this proposal is to secure funding and a position in the Canadian delegation attending the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. The Burnaby North Marching Band would be honoured to participate as the good-will ambassadors promoting the Vancouver 2010 Olympics, British Columbia and Canada at sporting and cultural events.

The Marching Band is a group representative of Canadian youth, a very multi-cultural community of students from grades 8 through 12 and alumni, learning and working together. This outstanding extra-curricular program is completely unique in the Lower Mainland school districts. In just over 8 years, under the tutelage of Peter Wenzek, the Band Director, and through the enthusiasm of the students, the marching band has grown from 20 to more than 125 members complete with a colour guard. Brought together by our share passion for performing music, last year we participated in several community events and marched and performed in front of more than one million people in seven parades including the Calgary Stampede, in two provinces. We won numerous awards while representing our school, city and province. This band has a strong sense of student leadership. Together we share a vision of creating a top quality dynamic band.

We have set a goal to develop a first class marching band and attend the 2008 Olympics in Beijing and the 2010 Olympics in British Columbia. In order to achieve this goal, students recognized the need to establish a Band Committee. Band goals are focused through this mix of students, alumni, parents and music educators working together. We support the band by actively looking for new performance and fundraising opportunities. We have been raising the awareness of our program through our recently donated website www.vikingbands.ca, community fliers, articles in the Burnaby Now, Burnaby News Leader and Calgary Herald and by talking to potential sponsors. By increasing participation in community events year round, we have become more visible and recognized within our community, city and province.



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The Marching Band is truly unique in that it can weave the fabric of the 2010 Olympic spirit by participating in all types of sporting and cultural events. Every great celebration is filled with people sharing their excitement and enthusiasm with others. By carrying British Columbia, Canadian and 2010 Olympic banners and flags and by playing the Olympic theme and the Canadian national anthem at engagements of your choice, we will build up the momentum and anticipation by sharing our passion for British Columbia and the 2010 Games. We provide a vehicle to not only support our athletes at the 2008 Olympics but an opportunity to start people thinking about how they will celebrate, contribute and participate in the 2010 Olympics in British Columbia. To the best of our knowledge, no other Canadian marching band will be participating in Beijing.

For this band to reach its full potential and become an exceptional organization, we need funding for music educators, new uniforms, workshops, instruments and maintenance (below, please see spreadsheet of cost estimates). A band of this size and quality requires more training for students and more time for instructors. We need more specialized instructors and the funding to pay them a fair wage for their time and effort. Instruments, such as sousaphones and piccolos, critical to creating a better quality tone, must be purchased. Uniforms, flags and banners are essential to creating a professional image.

Summary of Items		
1.	Instruments to add tonal range	\$25,990
2.	Olympic Flags and Banners	\$2,000
3.	Uniforms	\$32,000
4.	Musical Instruction	\$47,460
5.	Transportation to and from venues	\$43,392
6.	Weekend rehearsal space in North Burnaby	\$18,080
7.	Summer Work Shops	\$53,300
8.	Beijing transportation, accommodation, insurance	\$460,000
Total including tax		\$682,222



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Our goal is significant, but with your support we are confident we will succeed. Any contributions in the form of funding, corporate sponsorship and linkage to events would go a long way towards helping us reach our potential. Your support will empower Mr. Wenzek, his students, their parents and the Band Committee to build a top quality marching band. This will provide an unparalleled learning opportunity, to promote British Columbia, Canada and the 2010 Olympic spirit while supporting our athletes at the 2008 Summer Games.

We appreciate the time you have taken to review our request for support and funding and we invite you to find out more about us by viewing our new website at www.vikingbands.ca

If you have any questions regarding our request, please don't hesitate to call us or send an email to Peter Wenzek <director@vikingbands.ca>. We would greatly value the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how the Burnaby North Marching Band can participate in the 2008 Olympics.

Sincerely,

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