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Dear Parents/Guardians of Prospective and Current Band Members,

My name is Michael Murphy and I will be your new Shadyside Local School District band director. I am excited about the opportunity to be serving this tremendous community and the children in the school district! The purpose of this letter is to serve as a brief introduction and a way to encourage enthusiasm around our band program.

I am no stranger to Shadyside. As a student in Shadyside, I understood the value and importance of pride and tradition, which is why I joined the band program in the fifth grade. Those early experiences have contributed to where I am today. Though I did not graduate from Shadyside High School and left before my eighth-grade year, I have always treasured the town I called home as a child. Now, I have the great honor and responsibility of providing our students and your children with the most exciting, energetic, positive, and high-quality music education possible.

Our band program has been through many changes over the years. I have met some of the current band students and their parents and they have been wonderful! I must say, the pulse of pride and tradition is strong in these individuals. They have been loyal to the band program through all of its changes and challenges and that alone has earned my greatest respect.

All people involved with our school district and the community have thoughts and concerns about the band program. I am well-aware of the desire to see our program grow and thrive. With our current band members, the support of the school district, the encouragement of the community and with the positive involvement of alumni that our band program will see a renewal and energy that has not been felt in years! It will not happen overnight, but this program will grow.

Included with this letter is information for students interested in joining the band program. I will be accepting incoming 5th and 6th grade beginners and those returning as well as former band members interested in returning to be a part of this exciting new era! Please fill-out the form that applies to you and sign-up for the Remind!

I have a lot of enthusiasm, energy, and excitement for our band program and I cannot wait to share that with your children and show them the power that music has to make a positive impact in their lives and the lives of others! Thank you for your time and I look forward to meeting your children and being a part of this new and exciting era of music in the Shadyside schools. Go Tigers!!!

Warmest Regards,

Michael Murphy
Director of Bands and Choirs
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