



FAIRFAX COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Langley High School  
6520 Georgetown Pike  
McLean, Virginia 22101

October 8, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for your previous donations/contributions to the Langley High School Band Association (LHSBA) during the 2012-2013 and/or the 2013-2014 school year(s). Your generosity allows the students to enjoy the benefits of a high-quality musical education.

**Please be advised:** In a recent review of the records and communications of Langley High School and the LHSBA, Fairfax County Public Schools concluded that the communication regarding the LHSBA Member Dues Payment was unclear and that it was ambiguous to the parent community as to whether this payment was a requested donation to the LHSBA or a required and/or mandated fee required by FCPS for participation in the band at Langley High School.

The LHSBA Member Dues Payment was a payment to support the mission of the LHSBA (and thereby, by extension, to support the students' experience in the bands) and to become a voting member, not a FCPS required or mandated fee. Making this payment is/was not a requirement of participation in the band at LHS. *(The FCPS fees, which are required, were bundled with the member dues payment and made up over two-thirds of the overall payment amount.)*

If this was unclear to you and you made this payment under the presumption that it was a required component of participating in the LHS band and do not want this money used as a donation to the Langley High School Band Association, please return this notice – no copies will be accepted – to the address below by October 25, 2013 and your contribution will be refunded in full.

Langley High School  
Attn: Band Parent Donation Refund  
6520 Georgetown Pike  
McLean VA 22101

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Ragone', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Matthew J. Ragone  
Principal