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**MISSION STATEMENT**

D.C. Everest Area School District, in partnership with the community, is committed to being an innovative educational leader in developing knowledgeable, productive, caring, creative, responsible individuals prepared to meet the challenges of an ever-changing global society.

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**TO:** Dr. Kristine Gilmore, Superintendent

**FROM:** Jack E. Stoskopf, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Business/Personnel Services

**RE:** Elimination of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra

**DATE:** April 20, 2011

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Though it would be nice to continue to provide as many opportunities for all of our students as possible, we are not in a financial position to continue to provide all programs, as valuable as they may be.

Currently students have the opportunity to take orchestra one time per week in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The opportunities for band, chorus, and general music are offered beginning in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Students will continue to have these opportunities at the middle school. There are a few districts that offer orchestra at the 5<sup>th</sup> grade level, but it is becoming less common.

The savings to reduce this program is just over \$83,000.

It is recommended that 5<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra be eliminated at the elementary level.