

# Parent Alert!

## A Note of Caution

The IUSD Elementary Instrumental Music Staff would like to caution and deliver a word of warning to parents regarding the purchase of any musical instrument. First, we highly recommend that beginning students rent their instrument, rather than purchase. Most music merchants will apply a few months rental towards the purchase price of the instrument, and will provide instrument repair for their customers.

Secondly, we recommend parents not rent or purchase an instrument from vendors who are not specifically music merchants. These non-music stores are vendors such as department store catalogs, discount membership warehouses, on-line purchases, and private party sales. Several problems can exist with these types of purchases.

- 1) The quality of these instruments is generally poor, and will cause playing problems for your child.
- 2) Local music stores usually will not repair instruments purchased as stated above.
- 3) When these instruments need repair, the repair can be difficult and more costly than the cost of a quality instrument.

When your child is ready to purchase an instrument, your school music teacher can recommend quality brands of instruments.

**Low-priced instruments are also low quality, and can lead to low student achievement.**