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Melrose High School Bandaiders
C/o Mr. Matthew Repucci, Band Director
Melrose High School
360 Lynn Fells Parkway
Melrose, MA

Dear Bandaiders,

On behalf of Brian, Andrea and Leanne, I want to thank you for recognizing my family as Frank Lampson Award recipients at the recent Pops Concert.

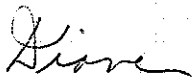
Band was the high school activity my daughters enjoyed the most. Although there are outstanding individual musicians and visual performers, there are no individual awards, it is truly a TEAM effort and the best TEAM wins...and we saw lots of wins! Brian and I watched our daughters flourish among the blended lines of freshman and seniors, percussion with color guard and brass, no dividing lines; you were a member of the band! We have lasting memories of band camp and car washes, Friday night football, fall competitions, winter guard, concerts and banquets.

As I was writing this letter I asked Andrea and Leanne what they took away from their band experience. They agreed that band taught them to be good teammates working towards a common goal, to pay attention to detail, to manage their time, and taught them communication and leadership skills they continue to use every day. I'm sure back then they had no idea of the valuable lessons they were learning because they had fun and they looked forward to practice every week no matter the time, day or weather.

And to you, the Bandaiders, who continue to tirelessly support the Band Director by supplementing the needs of the band and color guard through fundraising. We applaud your creativity, especially this year, in thinking outside the box for new and innovative ways to provide for the success of the program. Keep up the good work!

These are the reasons we got involved in and continue to support the band program. We did it for our kids, and because we believe so strongly in the band program and the good work you do, we do it for your kids too! We hope you enjoy the same kind of experience we did.

Sincerely,



Diane Hogan