

Dear Parents and Friends of Jeffco Performing Arts Programs:

We are sending this message in hopes of garnering your interest and support for a new organization – the Jeffco Performing Arts Advocacy Coalition – JPAAC. JPAAC was started to positively advocate for Performing Arts programs such as instrumental music, orchestra, vocal music, and theater, which seem to continually be under pressure when budget negotiations begin in the school district.

Our Mission

"To be advocates for the Performing Arts and a united voice in supporting, maintaining, and developing equitable opportunities for all Jeffco students to participate in the arts as a part of a complete, well rounded education." JPAAC wants to accomplish this mission in a positive manner with constructive messaging regarding the enormous impact that Performing Arts have on our children, not only while they are in school, but long afterwards throughout their lives.

Benefits to Students and our Community

Early in the establishment of this organization, it was unanimously agreed that its sole focus will be on the student and the benefits Performing Arts programs can have on them individually and ultimately, on our community. JPAAC needs your help as our grass roots efforts begin with you, the parents, family and friends all of who have seen first hand what these programs provide our children. Whether it be the interpersonal relationships these programs foster, the confidence resulting from the ability to perform in front of an audience, the diligence required to master their part of a performance piece, or the creativity each of them discover as a natural benefit from Performing Arts, these skills will benefit the students long after they leave our school system.

How we will Accomplish our Mission

JPAAC will continue to engage with Jeffco School Board members, the Jeffco Administration, Booster Groups, Arts Institutions, and the business community to ensure that Performing Arts programs remain prioritized and funded. JPAAC will continue to present a positive message regarding all of the Performing Arts programs at all levels and will educate decision makers on the positive impact these programs have on our students now and into the future.

We need you to get Involved & Stay Informed

We need our voice to continue to grow stronger on behalf of our students. That will be accomplished by involving citizens who care about Performing Arts, along with businesses, arts institutions, teachers, and administrators. We need to be a voice that is both heard and respected. Please consider joining us.

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- **"Like" our Facebook page for ongoing updates:** <http://www.facebook.com/jeffcopaadvocacy>.
- **We can be reached any time at:** jeffcopaadvocacy@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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