



**DATE:** March 3, 2021  
**TO:** Board of Education  
**FROM:** Mrs. Carmen Ghysels, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Approve Adoption of TK-8 Music Instructional Materials  
**PRESENTED BY:** Valerie Simpson, Executive Director of Educational Services

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### **ACTION REQUESTED**

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Faced with new challenges due to COVID-19 and distance learning, the elementary music PLC in and the band director at North Tahoe School began experimenting with various instructional materials to continue effective music education for TTUSD students during distance learning. This led to an elementary district-wide pilot of Quaver this past fall.

Music teachers recommend Quaver because it explicitly follows the national standards for music, including technology standards. The materials are engaging for both distance learning and independent student practice. The program has visual elements that are specific to each grade level, K-8. Quaver is continuously updated with new materials and advances in technology. Furthermore, the developers utilize the feedback of music educators across the country to refine their platform for ease of use and fill in the gaps where other curricular materials fall short. Additionally, the program allows the TTUSD elementary music PLC to share lessons with other music teachers throughout the district, establishing a sound platform for collaborative work and a guaranteed and viable curriculum.

All costs associated with the program, including start-up costs, are included in the affixed quote. Quaver also offers online access to teachers' resources as well as PD. The Quaver representative, Jay Borland has been easy to communicate with and is available and willing to support teachers in any way needed, including initial training, which is included in the quoted cost below.

**RESOURCES REQUIRED:** \$37,975.00 to fund the purchase of Quaver for Truckee Elementary School (TK-5th), Glenshire Elementary School (TK-5th), Kings Beach Elementary School (TK-4th), Tahoe Lake Elementary School (TK-4th) and North Tahoe School (5th-7th)

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Attachment: QuaverEd - Music Quote\_5-year license\_Tahoe Truckee