



April 20, 2023

Up and Running Software Development
6200 Prairie Ridge Rd.
Ames, IA 50014

Dear, Ian McKilligan -

On behalf of our members and the Gilbert Community School District, The Fine Arts Boosters board would like to extend our most sincere appreciation and gratitude for your generous donation of \$12,500 to fund the purchase of much needed shells and risers for the Gilbert K-12 Music Program.

As our school district grows, so do the needs necessary to serve the students. In addition to not being sufficient to accommodate the number of students next year, the current shells and risers are old, mismatched, bulky and very difficult to move. Your significant donation has moved us closer towards our \$35,000 fundraising goal much sooner than we had anticipated, thereby ensuring that this project will be fully funded before the end of the current school year, and that the new equipment will be available at the start of the 2023/2024 school year.

In addition to more space, the new risers will have hand rails and back rails, making them safer for students to stand and perform on, and the new shells will be sturdier, better designed to improve acoustics, and both lighter and safer for set up. We look forward to watching many beautiful choir performances on this equipment for many more years to come.

We invite you to attend the first choir concert this coming fall when we celebrate the community coming together to make this project a success!

Sincerely,

Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters Membership VP