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MEMORANDUM

To: Private-Non-Profit Schools,  
From: Deputy Superintendent, Curriculum and Instructional Improvement  
Subject: Classical Guitar Ensemble Instruction for Secondary Students (6<sup>th</sup> grade – 12 grade)

*Hafa Adai! Hafa Adai!* The Division of Curriculum & Instruction is pleased to announce that the Visual and Performing Arts Program is offering classical guitar ensemble instruction for secondary students for school year 2023-2024! Numerous studies show that fine arts are an effective way to express ideals, culture, emotions and provides an outlet for the release of stressors and helps to improve overall mental health. The program is also designed to help identify gifted, musically-inclined students and to facilitate the growth of their musical talent. We hope you are excited as we are to promote this unique opportunity for our students.

The sessions are at no cost to students and there are no prerequisites required. Enrolment slots are limited so we encourage that parents enroll their child(ren) on or before **October 3, 2023**. A guitar may be issued, however, students who are selected may bring their own classical nylon string guitar. Attached is a digital flyer that can be posted on your school's social media, website and other platforms and we encourage all schools to print the flyer and post on campus and around the community to ensure a larger awareness of the opportunity.

A mandatory parent meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2023 from 5:30pm – 6:30pm, at the GDOE Office located at 501 Mariner Ave. in Tiyan in the 3rd floor conference room. Guitar instruction is scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30pm – 6:00pm beginning on October 3, 2023 at the GDOE Office located at 501 Mariner Ave. in Tiyan on the 3rd floor conference room. Parents must register their child(ren) by completing the form attached.

We look forward to seeing all our secondary schools represented in the classical guitar ensemble in the very near future. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact VPA Music Specialist, Dave Flores at [classicalguitarensamble@gdoe.net](mailto:classicalguitarensamble@gdoe.net).

Sen Dungka'lu na Si Yu'os Ma'ase',

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