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Dear VHS Alumni Excellence in Education Committee,

I would like to apply for a team grant for the Music Department this year with Mrs. Sarnoff to order silicone rollup keyboards.

Due to logistics and equity, many of our music classes are being taught WITHOUT instruments and equipment while in Distance Learning. Teaching Instruments Class without instruments has been quite the challenge to say the least. Both Mrs Sarnoff and I teach a Keyboard class and with the grant we would be able to provide those students without keyboards at home (especially those who are not in a financial situation to invest in a small electronic keyboard).

With this team grant, we would be able to purchase about 30 roll up keyboards (Attached is an invoice for 50 keyboards for reference). Not only are they priced lower than what can be found on Amazon or other companies such as Yamaha, they are better quality than most. Instead of being just a flat piece of material, the keyboard is comprised of cut-out silicone keys so that it is raised and students are able to feel the keys.

This option is beneficial to distance learning because this provides access to equipment to our students, but also upon return, disinfecting is just a matter of a wiping down the keyboards. Additionally, these keyboards will be used once we return in person: students will still have the option to borrow them (for those who wish to practice at home that do not own a keyboard). Space in the classroom has always been an issue, while it still is, this option takes much less space than a grand piano, upright piano, or even a larger keyboard.

Thank you for your consideration and your annual support to us Venice High School teachers. Please let us know if we can provide any additional information.

On behalf of the VHS Music Department,



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