

Dear Rebel Supporters,

June 8, 2021

Our Mighty Rebel Band achieved great success last year, all while working through a pandemic. The Mighty Rebel Band has been nationally recognized in The Tournament of Roses Parade, two presidential inaugurations, and a Western International Band Conference Honor Band in Seattle. Here at home, they support the Rebel Football team on Friday nights and continue a 52-year record of Division I top ratings in University Interscholastic League Marching, Concert, and Sight-reading Contests. Their continued success in competition and performance demonstrates that the Mighty Rebel Band truly is the “Pride of West Texas.”

The community of Midland, Texas, has always supported students and the programs that make them successful. Those partnerships have become even more critical as the financial commitment involved in keeping the Mighty Rebel Band functioning at the highest level has become more and more of a challenge. The marching band has evolved into an elaborate, expensive, and logistically complex production, to say the least. Our booster club maintains a six-figure operating budget, and each student band member has a \$500 participation fee for the school year.

Because of the generosity of our donors and sponsors, we have been able to upgrade many aspects of our program. From the band hall to our safety equipment, the well-being of our players is the highest priority. To compete with the very best bands in the state of Texas, the Mighty Rebel Band has become more reliant on corporate donations and grants from supportive foundations and local businesses. This upcoming school year is no different, and it is where we need your help! Expenditures we anticipate in 2021-2022 include:

- \$30,000 for production costs for the halftime show, which becomes the UIL Marching Contest Show.
 - This includes drill design, arranging percussion/brass/woodwind music, music copyright costs, colorguard and wind choreography, colorguard flags, uniforms, props, etc.
- \$25,000 for new drumline equipment.
- \$10,000 for three new bass clarinets.
- \$10,000 for new electronic equipment and technology for marching band production.

While these totals do not account for the entirety of our budget, they provide a clearer picture of the amount of support needed to address the enormous costs associated with the operation of a competitive 6A high school marching band.

The students, directors, and boosters of the Legacy High School Band program are committed to maintaining the tradition and excellence of the Mighty Rebel Band. Your financial support will go a long way in helping the band reach their highest potential and allow the student musicians of the Mighty Rebel Band the opportunity to be competitive in our region and throughout the state!

Thank you in advance for your support! GO REBELS!!!

Sincerely,

Steven Dojahn
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Legacy High School

