March 28, 2016 Dear Music Students and Parents,

We are incredibly fortunate in the state of Michigan to have music education programs in our schools, and we are excited for an opportunity to give back to a larger community.

A group of teachers and students in Southeast Michigan has committed to help raise funds for the *Meru Music Project*, in Meru, Kenya. Our goal is to raise money specifically for a music building that will serve 2000 public school students in Meru. A detailed description of the program can be found on this website: merumusic.weebly.com

With your help, we can easily reach our goal. If each music student in the state of Michigan gives just \$1, we will have more than enough to fund the building project. We are hopeful that you will be interested in helping us reach our goal!

We are asking that students bring \$1 by May 20. They can also make a direct donation to the program on our website.

Thank you for helping us to reach our fundraising goal by the end of June 2016. You are giving an incredible gift to the community in Meru, and helping these many aspiring children have more access to the opportunity that music brings.

Sincerely,

Larry Dittmar, project director

Abby Alwin, music teacher, Ann Arbor Public Schools

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The Kenya Urithi Education Fund (KUEF) is a not-for-profit business incorporated in Michigan to help strengthen and enhance the education of children (the poorest of the poor) in Meru, Kenya. It is a 501-C-3 Public Charity of the US Government and provides the opportunity to easily transfer US funds to a Kenya Bank in Meru. One of these projects, the Meru Music Project, is actively working to enhance the music education of the students in the public schools. Larry Dittmar, one of the founding directors of KUEF, is currently the Project Director for the Meru Music Project.

Checks can be made out to KUEF with Meru Music Project in the subject line, and can be sent directly to Larry Dittmar 5599 Gallery Park Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Donations can also be made by visiting this website: www.merumusic.weebly.com