




SUBMISSION CONTENT:

I am very disappointed to learn that the government is considering on cutting funding of music programs, especially cutting funding to Canterbury Girls Secondary College (CGSC).

Music is one thing that had been with us since ancient times. even the people from undeveloped places (various tribes african jungles etc) would have some kind of musical instruments be it just a few pieces of metal or stones. it show how much we, as human beings, are linked to music.

there have been many studies / researches conducted which time and time again supports the learning of musical instruments / supports the benefits obtained from music. as an example, please see website below.

<http://www.effectivemusicteaching.com/articles/directors/18-benefits-of-playing-a-musical-instrument/>

CGSC is renowned for its music programs especially its string instruments program. this is the main reason I have chosen this school compared to the neighbourhood school and even after we have moved, despite the long commuting time, I continue to send my daughters to this school just because of its music program.

i appreciate the government needs to look at ways to cut funding / increase surplus, i am sure there are other areas that may be more viable, for example, funding to private schools. i fail to appreciate the reason why the government needs to fund private schools when i see the vast difference between private and state schools in terms of the education programs offered, the facilities (swimming pools and huge halls and huge gymnasium in the private schools), the various fees charged to the parents by the private school. I really don't see what difference it would make to the parents of private school students if the government cut \$1000 funding of each private school student but even a cut of \$100 per state school student would mean a lot to them.

therefore, i strongly encourage the government to continue, if not, increase its funding to all state schools' music programs.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Best regards,
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