

# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

**Date of Meeting:** January 29, 2008

**Date Submitted:** January 17, 2008

**To:** Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

**From:** Marlon Brown, County Manager  
Davin J. Suggs, OMB Director

**Subject:** Approval to Provide Funding for East Gadsden High School (EGHS) Choral Department to Attend Carnegie Hall in Manhattan, New York on April 12-17, 2008

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**Statement of Issue:**

This item seeks approval from the Board to provide funding for East Gadsden High School (EGHS) Choral Department to attend Carnegie Hall in Manhattan, New York on April 12-17, 2008.

**Background:**

The EGHS Choral "Jaguar Singers" has been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York. The objective of this trip is to educate and enlighten the students in Gadsden County through exposure to music from different genres, offer performance opportunities to future music educators and encourage well-rounded students who will give back to the community. The EGHS Choral has passed all necessary academics requirements to attend Carnegie Hall.

The academic requirements for this community-wide adventure consist of the following:

- 1) Completing a successful audition at Carnegie Hall;
- 2) Passing all sections of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT);
- 3) Maintaining a 3.0 Cumulative G.P.A.; and
- 4) Maintaining great conduct in all classes.

**Analysis:**

The EGHS Choral Department is requesting a total amount \$5,000 from the BOCC for the purchase of new uniforms. The Gadsden County School Board will be providing approximately \$15,000 in support of this trip. Historically, the Board has not funded requests of this nature.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The resources necessary to provide funding for this event were not contemplated in the County's adopted FY 2008 budget. However, there are funds available in the General Fund Reserve for Contingency or Aids to Private Organizations (Non-Profits) to fulfill this requirement. Currently, the General Fund Reserve for Contingency has an estimated balance of \$207,798 and the Non-Profits have an estimated balance of \$50,000. The proposed budget amendment will reduce this amount to approximately \$202,798 as shown on the Reserve for Contingency Balance Statement (Attachment #2) or reduce the Non-Profits to approximately \$45,000.

**Options:**

- Option 1: Staff is recommending not to fund this request, due to the Board not funding such request in previous years.
- Option 2: Fund the request utilizing the Reserve for Contingency budget resources.
- Option 3: Fund the request utilizing the Non-Profits budget resources.
- Option 4: Board direction.

**Recommendation:**

- Option 1.

**Attachments:**

- 1. Sponsorship Letter from East Gadsden High School.
- 2. General Fund Reserve for Contingency and Non-Profits Balance Sheets.



# East Gadsden High School

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**"Jaguars Achieving Goals Using All Resources."**



December 3, 2007

Dear Faculty, Staff, & Administration,

On behalf of the East Gadsden High School Choral Department and our Principal Rosalyn W. Smith we would like to inform you that the "Jaguar Singers" of East Gadsden High School have been invited to be apart of a performance of a lifetime at the world renowned Carnegie Hall in Manhattan, NY April 12-16, 2008.

The "Jaguar Singers" is a special group made up of 20 choral students who have completed a successful audition, have either passed all parts of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) or have at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average, and have maintained great conduct in all classes. As you can see, we are raising the standards very high for our Jaguars and we will exceed all expectations. We are excited to bring a new cultural experience to our school and the entire Gadsden County community.

The objective of this trip is to educate and enlighten the students in Gadsden County through exposure to music from different genres, offer performance opportunities to future music educators, and to raise well-rounded students who will give back to our community. We would like for you to be a part of this experience! Here is how you can help.

By becoming a sponsor at one of the following levels—Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze—your contributions will help pay for the cost of our trip.

As the choral director of these fine singers, I am delighted to be a part of history in the making, and I hope that you are to. You should know that there is a committee of outstanding individuals from the Gadsden County community who are working together to make sure that no child is left behind. So please join us in our efforts to bring change to our community by contributing to a worthy cause. We cannot move forward on our journey without your support because we believe that "It takes team work to make the dream work!" So help us in this monumental event and let's leave a legacy for our community of today and for future generations to come.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rasheen Jamison- Richardson  
Choral Director

Mrs. Rosalyn W. Smith  
Principal

## **Sponsorship Commitment Sheet**

Please place a check in the box beside the tier level of your choice

Tier I	<b>Platinum</b> Contribution on this level will help sponsor one "Jaguar Singer" which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hotel accommodations</li> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• Cruise</li> <li>• Broadway Show</li> <li>• Meals</li> <li>• Uniforms</li> <li>• Other short excursion</li> </ul>	\$1500.00	
Tier II	<b>Gold</b> Contribution on this level will help sponsor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• Meals</li> <li>• Uniforms</li> <li>• Other short excursion</li> </ul>	\$750.00	
Tier III	<b>Silver</b> Contribution on this level will help sponsor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meals</li> <li>• Uniforms</li> </ul>	\$500.00	
Tier IV	<b>Bronze</b> Contribution on this level will help sponsor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uniforms</li> </ul>	\$250.00	
Tier V	<b>General Donation</b> Please accept this general donation as a sign of our commitment to your worthy cause	\$100.00 or less	

Name of Sponsor & School: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsorship Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Please submit this copy with your contributions by  
January 31, 2008. Make all checks and money orders payable to:**

**EGHS Chorus Department  
27001 Blue Star Memorial Hwy. Havana Fl 32333  
(850) 539-2882 ext. 1915**

**Thank you!**

## Gadsden County General Fund Reserve For Contingency Balance Statement

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description of Use</u>	<u>Beginning Bud.</u>	<u>+/- \$</u>	<u>Ending Bud.</u>
10/3/2007	Adopted FY 2007 Budget	0	208,606	208,606
11/20/2007	Matching Funds for Poll Worker Recruitment Fund	208,606	(808)	207,798
1/29/2008	<i>*East Gadsden High School Choral Department Request for Funds</i>	207,798	(5,000)	202,798

*\* If Approved*

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