



## Request for Funding for the Visual or Performing Arts

- All funds may be used for a project in the 2019-20 school year or through December 1, 2020. Please take photos of your project's progression as the Foundation will periodically request an update.

(Requests will not be accepted without the requesting parties' signature)\*

**Deadline to Apply: March 13, 2020**

**\*\*\*Please complete all sections.\*\*\***

Requester:	Ryan Milchman
Project Title:	Auditorium Lighting System Improvement
School Name:	Cecil E Gray Middle School
Academic Subject:	Theatre
Grade(s):	6-8
Number of Students:	250 in theatre – 1,100 total in school
Number of Participating Teachers:	8
<b>Amount Requested:</b>	\$13,650

**Project Need:** (Please describe the demographics of your school and why this project is needed)

Hello, and thank you so much for your consideration! Our school auditorium has a very antiquated light system. When I first arrived, it was so bad that it was to a point where the lights would randomly shut off in the middle of our production. While I was able to get that fixed, through the years, the money that I have been able to raise for improvements has all gone to fixing broken equipment because we were unable to afford to replace anything. I would really love to be able to put new LED stage lights in to the auditorium. Not only would it make the lights much more beautiful and easier to use, but it would also allow the students to be trained on equipment that they will more likely see in the real world should they choose to stay in the theatrical industry. Our goal as a county is to have our students college and career ready, and by providing them with equipment that they would be more likely to see in a community or professional theatre, that would really assist with the educational process of lighting design.

Our school is in a very rural area, and we are just above the level to be a title one school. Our county is overall so poor that we received a grant that allows all of our students to have free breakfast and lunch. Because the surrounding area is so poor, I don't charge very much for my shows. I recently just upped the prices to \$5 a ticket, and that's still a struggle to some families. I can't charge any more than that because I would hate for a student to not have an audience because of money, but lower ticket prices mean that it is much harder to raise the money that we need to purchase the new

lighting system.

Our drama program is pretty successful and is very well known through the school, however, these lights wouldn't just help out the drama program. They would also help out the entire school. While drama maintains the auditorium, we all use it. Whether it be for guest speakers, band concerts, awards ceremonies, talent shows, or ultimately our promotion ceremonies, everyone in the entire school gets use out of the auditorium at one time or another. I would love to see a beautiful, professional looking LED light set up so that every student gets to feel like a rock star when we are celebrating whatever success they have achieved.

I have been slowly building the drama budget up each year, but with various fixes here and there, and upping the amount of shows we're paying rights to each year, I fear that it'll be another 10 years before we can afford to get a subpar lighting system. We would greatly appreciate any help you could offer us. Whether that be the money, a portion of the money, or donations of new or used LED lights. It would mean so much to the drama program as well as our school as a whole. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Please provide a detailed budget of how funding will be expended for this project. Please include specific list and price quote for each item requested. Can be attached as a separate sheet.

Expense Category:	Amount:	Items to Purchase
Program Materials (Consumable)		<b>Please see attached quote</b>
Program Materials (Non-Consumable):		
Equipment:		
Other (Please Specify Expense):		
TOTALS		
In Kind Contributions that benefitted project:		
<b>Project Detail</b>		

**Project Summary:** (In one or two sentences, please summarize your project)

We would love a new LED stage lighting system for our auditorium, please.

**Project Detail:** (Please provide your project detail)

In the past, we have used Sweetwater for our lighting needs, so that is who my quote is from. I am happy to use another company as well though if you have a preferred vendor. The plan would be to have them come out and hook up our new lighting system. Hopefully they could give me a brief preview on how to use the new system as well so I could then teach my students.

**Project Impact:** (How will the teachers and students benefit from this project?)

Every person in the entire school will benefit from new lights because everyone uses the auditorium at sometime or another. It would really give our activities, presentations, and performances a more professional look, and allow students to learn how to use lighting equipment they would see in the real world should they decide to work in the theatrical industry.

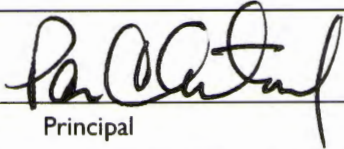
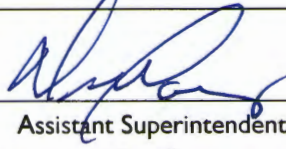
**Project Evaluation Method:** (How will you measure teacher and student success?)

We will be able to see a huge difference just by viewing the productions. However, we will also be able to see a difference when attending Junior Thespian competition. Now it is difficult to plan for one act competition because my lighting designers know how to use our antiquated system. When we go to perform our one act at a nearby high school that has the LED lighting system, it is very difficult for them to figure out how to make our lighting cues work on their system in the short amount of time that we are given, so competition scores would be another way to measure student

success. Finally, when I teach lighting design in class, I give the students a chance to learn our lighting board. I don't get a lot of interest in it, and it's very hard to retain students interested in doing the lighting for our shows. I think that with a new and more modern system, I will better be able to teach lighting and keep the students' interest and attention. They really love when they can make the lights change color, but with the old lights, we would have to rent a cherry picker and put a new gel in front of the light. With a new LED system, lights can change with the touch of a button. I would love that kind of freedom with the lighting design for our shows.

**Project Timeline:** (provide a project start date and completion date)

I would love to have it finished by our musical this spring, which would be in April 2020. In a perfect world, it would be installed during Spring Break, which is March 16-20. However, if that is too soon, there is a lot of down time in my school over the summer, so that timeline would work out as well.

Project Approved By:  Principal       Assistant Superintendent/Superintendent

(A principal, assistant superintendent or superintendent signature is required for all requests over \$2,000.00. The superintendent's signature is required for all requests over \$5,000.00. The superintendent's signature is also required for all requests for curriculum or capital expenditures (other than building improvements)

\*Requesting party has read and agrees with the funding policies of the Education Foundation.

Signed: Ryan Milchman Date: 2/14/2020

Printed Name: Ryan Milchman Email: milchmanr@lake.k12.fl.us

To be completed by foundation staff/board

Project meets Foundation Mission/Funding Policy: Yes or No

Approved       Denied      \_\_\_\_\_  
President Signature

Date

# Sweetwater

Music Instruments & Pro Audio

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**Quote Number** 5998864  
**Quote Date** 02/14/20  
**Delivery Method** FedEx Ground (Business)  
**Customer Number** 5689885

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Qty.	Item	Description	Retail Price	Your Price	Total
8	EVEE100Z	Chauvet DJ 100W WW LED Ellipsoidal Spot <a href="http://www.sweetwater.com/store/detail/EVEE100Z/">http://www.sweetwater.com/store/detail/EVEE100Z/</a>	\$1,066.65	\$750.00	\$6,000.00
8	COLORado1Quad	Chauvet Pro IP65 RGBW LED Wash <a href="http://www.sweetwater.com/store/detail/COLORado1Quad/">http://www.sweetwater.com/store/detail/COLORado1Quad/</a>	\$541.35	\$400.00	\$3,200.00
10	SlimPARProH	Chauvet DJ 12-LED RGBAW+UV Par <a href="http://www.sweetwater.com/store/detail/SlimPARProH/">http://www.sweetwater.com/store/detail/SlimPARProH/</a>	\$466.65	\$300.00	\$3,000.00
1	Obey70	Chauvet DJ 384-ch Lighting Controller <a href="http://www.sweetwater.com/store/detail/Obey70/">http://www.sweetwater.com/store/detail/Obey70/</a>	\$226.65	\$150.00	\$150.00
		Cables/Clamps/Accessories		\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00

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Hi, I'm Chuck Surack, owner of Sweetwater. I want to take the time to personally thank you for your business with Sweetwater. I am so grateful for every customer, and I encourage you to continue to pursue your love of music.

I want you to know that your satisfaction is our first priority. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. 24-hour support is available at [Sweetwater.com/sweetcare](http://Sweetwater.com/sweetcare), or contact our SweetCare Center by phone at (800) 222-4700 (available Mon-Fri 9AM-6PM, Sat 9AM-5PM). Of course, you can call your Sales Engineer anytime. If you need to get in touch with me directly, my email is [chuck\\_surack@sweetwater.com](mailto:chuck_surack@sweetwater.com).



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It's our goal to earn your trust and create a relationship with you for the long term by standing behind what we sell. We promise to deal with you fairly and reasonably; we hope you will be fair and reasonable with us as well. So, if for some reason you are not satisfied with your purchase, we will gladly accept your timely return of eligible items.

To make a return, simply contact your Sales Engineer to start the process.  
For additional information on returns, please visit [Sweetwater.com/help](http://Sweetwater.com/help).

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Shipping & Handling:	\$264.21
Free Shipping Promo:	-\$264.21
Tax:	\$0.00
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