

July 28, 2006

To: SBDM

From: Betsey Bell, CMA Chairperson

Re: Student Fees

The Communication Media Arts magnet strives constantly to provide our students with real world learning and a technological background that prepares them for the challenges of higher education, more advanced training and school-to-work transition.

Three years ago we updated our CMA lab with IBM personal computers, but due to two years of severe budget cuts we've been unable to update the necessary software for our broadcasting classes. Our auditor has concurred that because the software helps the student create a consumable product (videos, Cds, DVDs), charging a student fee to help defray the costs is applicable.

The budget cuts of the past two years have also put a strain on our ability to provide ink and paper necessary for students to complete print and broadcast projects. Last year alone we spent more than \$3,500 on paper and ink. This year our budget is only \$1900.

Therefore, we request approval for a CMA student fee of \$20.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Approved 8/9/06
SBDM Council*