



# *Don't stop the music!*



*The petition to support  
better funding for Out-  
of-Hours Music and Arts  
(OOHMA) programmes in  
our communities.*

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**Out-of-hours Music and Arts (OOHMA) programmes give access to 56,000 hours of professional music and arts tuition in our communities every year.**

In recent years the number of available hours that the Ministry of Education funds has not been enough to meet the demand for these programmes.

**In late 2022 the OOHMA tutors won their first pay increase in nearly two decades.**

This has helped schools to attract and keep highly skilled tutors. OOHMA tutors also gained access to paid time for their preparation and planning of lessons.

**However, the Ministry of Education did not increase OOHMA funding to cover these necessary changes.**

This means that schools don't have the money they need to provide classes.

**Without increased funding, some of these programmes will face cuts!**



*This petition is run by the Post-Primary Teachers Association (PPTA) Te Wehengarua.*

*We are a professional association and union representing workers in community education and Out-of-Hours Music and Arts programmes.*

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