



## School District Project Brief

**Project Name:** Durango 9R School District

**Project Location:** All 7 Elementary Schools in district

**Date Purchased:** January 28, 2016

**Purchased:** Weenotes Collection (Merry, Piper, Griffin) and Drums (4 instruments total) for all 7 schools – 28 instruments total for initial purchase.

**Follow up purchases:** Sunnyside Elementary purchased an additional 3 instruments to add to their collection

**Project Description:** According to Dan Snowberger – Superintendent of the Durango 9R School District, they wanted the instruments because the arts keep getting cut from budgets. Mr. Snowberger believes in the positive impact music has for children especially in a learning environment. Having these beautiful sounding outdoor music instruments permanently installed in areas where everyone can enjoy them gives kids access to music that they were not getting at school.

**Tools used:** Catalog and full size demo instrument. In this case we did not need to address the benefit of the instruments for the schools, that was already understood, but seeing an instrument in person made a difference in understanding the durability and the sound quality.

**How Funded:** The school district was looking for donations to help fund this project and was lucky enough to receive a donation from one community member that funded the entire project because music is near and dear to his heart.

**Community Response:** Parent and kids are delighted with the instruments, they are used all the time. Parents even take kids back after school to play and find themselves playing too. The instruments were so well received at Sunnyside Elementary that they funded and purchased 3 more of the larger instruments.

In April 2017 students from Adams State University were visiting Sunnyside to do a performance and they enjoyed the instruments so much, they made and posted several videos of them playing the instruments at several locations, including Sunnyside.