

PURPOSE: To allow more flexibility for playlists and lower long-term costs for formal events at MSMS

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SECTION ONE (REASONING):

A playlist and speaker setup is better for school dances mainly because it is more cost-effective and easier to manage. Hiring a DJ can be expensive, especially for a school budget, while creating a playlist is basically free if you already have access to music streaming services. That money can instead go toward decorations, food, or other parts of the event that students will also enjoy. A playlist also allows for more control ahead of time, since songs can be chosen carefully to match the vibe, avoid inappropriate content, and include music that students actually want to hear.

Another advantage is flexibility and consistency. With a playlist, there are no unexpected song choices or sudden changes that don't match the crowd. The music can be organized to build energy throughout the night, while also allowing for last-minute song additions. It also avoids issues like a DJ misreading the audience or playing songs that people don't recognize or like. Overall, a playlist and speaker setup is simpler, more predictable, and still creates a fun atmosphere without the extra cost and uncertainty of a DJ.

SECTION TWO (PROPOSED ACTION):

Assign the Winter Formal committee (for winter formal) and the Junior Class Officers (for prom) to create and approve playlists, then use a pair of powered PA speakers (12–15 inch, such as JBL or Yamaha models) with Bluetooth or AUX capability, along with ~~a designated~~ ~~-an elected-~~ ~~a designated~~ student or RA designated by the dance committee student or staff member to manage playback during each dance.

SECTION THREE (APPENDIX):

“All the Dj does is play our playlist but worse. Vote Althea Wells for DJ.” – Anonymous

“I think the money for DJ could be better spent on other things. Vote Althea Wells for DJ.” – Anonymous

“I think that students should have more options for music. Especially pertaining to who it is, and if we just want a speaker and playlist.” – Anonymous

“I think students could easily curate a clean playlist.” -Anonymous

“I think that with a tight budget for dances, it would be so much better if we just let students take in charge. Last year the playlist had SO much potential and the DJ lowkey made his own not so great mashup with it.” – Anonymous

“The DJ at last year’s prom cut songs short and did a shameless plug in the middle of a song. I wanted to vibe, but he just wouldn’t stop talking.” – Anonymous

“I thought the DJ at winfo was cool, since they were open to song recommendations the whole night. I do think having a student playlist would’ve been more organized, however, I think having a combination of both would be the best! For prom this year, JCO decided to hire a DJ, but we’ve also sent out a link for song recs. so essentially, we’re giving the DJ a playlist curated by students.” -Anonymous