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## **Nelson leads charge for music in schools**

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AUSTIN, Texas — Willie Nelson, Ray Benson and Michelle Shocked are among the artists behind "Don't Mess With Texas Music," a public awareness campaign to help music programs survive in schools amid budget cuts.

The campaign is being launched by the Texas Music Project.

Nelson is honorary chairman of the Texas Music Project. Benson, and Shocked are on the advisory board.

"Everyone supporting the project is doing it because they love music, and because they understand music education helps kids reach their full potential, regardless of what they grow up to be," Nelson said.