

ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD AGENDA BACKUP
Regular Meeting of June 18, 2024

ITEM: **ARTS AND MUSIC IN SCHOOLS FUNDING ANNUAL REPORT**

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TYPE OF ITEM: **REVIEW AND ACTION**

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is for the Board of Trustees to review and approve the Arts and Music in School Funding Annual Report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At the June 11th board meeting, how each school will utilize its Prop 28 funding to hire additional arts education staff was presented along with how many students will be served by these additional staffing. The questions on the Annual Report that needs to be board approved and submitted to the CDE was also presented. That report has been completed and is attached for the board to review and approval. The date of 2023-24 Fiscal Year on the Annual Report refers to the funding allocation year, not the year of expenditure or implementation. We will implement and spend the funds in the 2024-25 school year.

On November 8, 2022, California voters approved Proposition 28: The Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act. The measure required the state to establish a new, ongoing program supporting arts instruction in schools beginning in 2023–24.

The legislation allocates 1 percent of the kindergarten through grade twelve (K–12) portion of the Proposition 98 funding guarantee provided in the prior fiscal year, excluding funding appropriated for the AMS education program. Local educational agencies (LEAs) with 500 or more students are required to ensure that at least 80 percent of AMS funds to be expended are used to employ certificated or classified employees to provide arts education program instruction. The remaining funds must be used for training, supplies and materials, and arts educational partnership programs, with no more than 1 percent of funds received to be used for an LEA’s administrative expenses.

The district has been allocated the Arts and Music in Schools funding of \$472,954. This total allocation is divided and distributed to each school site based on total enrollment (70%) and low income student (30%) count of the prior school year. Based on this formula, the following are the disaggregated allocations.

Preschool: \$4,776
AHS: \$153,727

AMS: \$102,460
Elementary: \$211,991

DETAILS:

The site administrator and the school staff is responsible for determining the programming for the site. The district conducted a staff survey. 155 staff members responded, with 93 completing the open question: *How should AUSD's 2024–25 Prop 28 funding be spent?* Overall, preference for a Visual Arts program in elementary grades, followed by Dance and Theater options was strong. Middle school staff emphasized Media Arts and Performing Arts, and appreciated the process they had had at the school regarding this funding. High school staff frequently mentioned Theater and Media Arts, while also emphasizing the need for supplies for many arts programs.

Staff at all levels expressed strong support for our current Music program, with some, but not most, wanting to increase Music offerings.

The need to have new programs led by highly qualified arts educators was a theme at all grade levels.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES ADDRESSED:



***Objective #1:** Assess and Increase Academic Success. **Goal:** We will provide a comprehensive educational experience with expanded opportunities for engagement, assessment, and academic growth so that all students will achieve their fullest potential.*



***Objective #2:** Support the Whole Child. **Goal:** We will foster the social and emotional growth of all students, implement an array of strategies to increase student engagement, identify individual socio-emotional and behavioral needs, and apply collaborative appropriate interventions.*



***Objective #3:** Communicate and Lead Together. **Goal:** All stakeholders will collaborate and communicate about decisions that guide the sites and district.*

**RECOMMENDATION: REVIEW AND APPROVE THE ART AND MUSIC IN SCHOOLS
FUNDING ANNUAL REPORT**