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Agenda Item Details

Meeting May 24, 2023 - Board of Trustees Regular Meeting - 7:00pm

Category 13. Action Items - 8 min

Subject 13.2 Approval of Prop 28 Expenditure Plan for 2023-24 school year

Type Action

Recommended

It is recommended that the RCSD Board of Education approve the expenditure plan

Action for Proposition 28 funding for the 2023-24 school year

Rationale: Proposition 28, passed by voters in the fall of 2022, adds The Arts and Music in Schools—Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act to the California Education Code to provide a minimum source for annual funding to "supplement arts education programs" for pupils attending K–12 public and charter schools.

Beginning with fiscal year 2023–24, funds will be allocated by the California Department of Education (CDE) to each local educational agency (LEA). The distribution will be based on enrollment.

- 70 percent will go to schools based on their share of statewide enrollment.
- 30 percent will go to schools based on their share of low-income students enrolled statewide.

Wording from Prop 28:

Requires Funding Be Used Primarily to Hire New Arts Staff. Proposition 28 requires funding be used for arts education programs and requires schools to certify that these funds were spent in addition to existing funding for arts education programs. This may include a variety of subjects, including dance, media arts, music, theater, and various types of visual arts (including photography, craft arts, computer coding, and graphic design). The proposition also requires at least 80 percent of the additional funding be used to hire staff. (School districts and charter schools with fewer than 500 students would not have to meet this requirement.) The remaining funding could be used for training, supplies and materials, and for arts educational partnership programs. The California Department of Education (CDE) may approve requests from schools to spend less on staff. Schools will have three years to spend the funds they receive each year. CDE would reallocate any unspent funds to all schools in the following year.

Allows School Principals to Determine How Funds Are Spent. Proposition 28 requires the principal of a school site (or the program director of a preschool) to develop a plan for spending the funding they receive. The principal or program director would determine how to expand a site's arts instruction and/or programs.

The actual amount of funding will be published by the Director of Finance in the annual May revision of the Governor's budget. At this time, we have planned for the following distribution, based on information from School Services of California:

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Proposition 28 | Arts Education Funding San Mateo: Redwood City Elementary

School Name	Enrollment	Low Income	Enrollment Funding	Low Income Funding	Total Funding
Adelante Selby Spanish Immersion	582	355	\$66,030	\$29,874	\$95,904
Clifford Elementary	658	256	\$74,653	\$21,543	\$96,196
Garfield Elementary	528	468	\$59,904	\$39,383	\$99,287
Henry Ford Elementary	461	243	\$52,302	\$20,449	\$72,751
Hoover Elementary	695	592	\$78,851	\$49,818	\$128,668
John F. Kennedy Middle	663	337	\$75,220	\$28,359	\$103,579
McKinley Institute of Technology	287	221	\$32,561	\$18,597	\$51,159
Nonpublic, Nonsectarian Schools	12	4	\$1,361	\$337	\$1,698
North Star Academy	511	38	\$57,975	\$3,198	\$61,173
Orion Alternative	386	118	\$43,793	\$9,930	\$53,723
Roosevelt Elementary	655	401	\$74,313	\$33,745	\$108,057
Roy Cloud Elementary	628	73	\$71,249	\$6,143	\$77,392
Taft Elementary	326	273	\$36,986	\$22,973	\$59,959
Grand Total	6,392	3,379	\$725,200	\$284,348	\$1,009,548

Process:

District office administrators have met with each site principal to discuss the allocation of these funds and their priorities for staffing for arts instruction at their sites. The following recommendations for additional staffing were based on the Prop 28 guidelines:

- The funds were used for arts education instruction
- At least 80 percent of the funds were used to employ certificated or classified employees to provide arts education
- The funds were used to supplement existing funding for arts education programs

To ensure the newly funded positions supplement existing funding for arts education, and in consultation with site administration, the decision was made to focus on hiring or adding music and/or STEAM teachers (craft arts, computer coding, graphic design) to each school site

In consultation with each site and based on site priorities, the following positions are planned to be added for the 2023-24 school year:

Adelante Selby: 1.0 STEAM teacher .5 music teacher (shared with Roosevelt)

Clifford 1.0 STEAM teacher .5 music teacher

Garfield 1.0 STEAM teacher 1.0 music teacher

Henry Ford .75 STEAM teacher

Hoover 1.0 STEAM teacher

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1.0 Music teacher

Kennedy 1.0 STEAM teacher 1.0 music teacher

MIT 1.0 STEAM teacher 1.0 music teacher

NSA 1.0 music teacher

Orion 1.0 STEAM teacher .5 music teacher

Roosevelt .5 STEAM teacher .5 music teacher

Roy Cloud 1.0 STEAM teacher 1.0 music teacher

Taft 1.0 STEAM teacher .5 music teacher

School sites have made the determination to add site funding to the Prop 28 allocation, where possible, in order to be able to provide 1.0 full-time teachers (FTEs). The newly hired music teachers will supplement the districts' current itinerant general fund music program, allowing for more FTE music teachers. And, in the case of the priority schools, LCAP funding has also been added to ensure full-time teachers to allow unduplicated pupils access to these elective classes.

Materials for increased music (musical instruments, music storage racks, method books, chairs, mouthpieces, etc.) and Maker Space labs (3D printers, laser printers, micro bits, etc.) will be purchased from the Arts, Music and Instructional Materials grant. Materials requests are currently out for bid.

Finally, in accordance with Prop 28, districts must:

- Submit an annual board-approved report "in a manner determined by the Superintendent"
- Post how funds were spent on their websites

Financial impact: Prop 28 estimated funding: \$1,009,548

Submission for Approval

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