

# HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD INQUIRY

Date Received: May 4, 2025

Time: 10:56 p.m.

Board Member: Ms. Adriana Quiñones

Administrator: Dr. Rosa Isiah

### **I. ESTIMATED RESPONSE TIME REQUIRED: 3 hours**

### **II. INQUIRY/ISSUE DESCRIPTION:** Ms. Quiñones requested clarification on May 8, 2025 Board Agenda Item 5.05.ae as follows:

- *Latino Film Institute – The cost is listed as \$231,644.29. How many students and schools will be served by this program? What is the time frame? What plans are in place to reduce this cost in the future?*
- *What is the specific purpose of each program listed, and what services are being offered?*
- *Playworks – At a cost of \$27,500 per school, how many schools will be receiving services?*
- *Conga Kids – With a quoted cost of \$3,895 per classroom, how many classrooms, schools and students will be served?*
- *Guided Discoveries – At \$385 per attendee, how many students will participate, which schools will be involved, and what is the total projected cost?*
- *Pali Institute – Quoted at \$550 per attendee; please provide the same details as above.*
- *Art Masters Academy LLC – With a cost of \$622 per class, how many, classes, students, and schools will be served?*
- *Advantage Communications – The amount listed is \$506,000. Please provide a breakdown of the services offered, along with the number of students and schools that will benefit.*
- *For each of the programs/vendors listed above, please indicate the funding source—whether through grants, the general fund, or other means.*

### **III. ANALYSIS/FACT FINDING:**

The cost of the Latino Film Institute (Youth Cinema Project) is \$231,644.29. Eighty-five students (elementary, middle, and high school) will be served from August 2025-May 2026. The district could explore a CTE film pathway program with industry professionals to supplement program costs in future years. At this time, Baldwin Academy is requesting Playworks services in the 2025-26 school year. All fifth grade students at each of the 17 elementary schools will receive Conga Kids dance instruction with a projected number of 37 fifth grade classrooms and 1,131 students in the 2025-26 school year. The number of students who will participate in the Guided Discovery (CIMI) and Pali field trips and cost are to be determined when the new school year begins and families sign-up. At this time, Wing Lane ES has requested Art Masters services for an estimated 14 classes, 354 students. The table below includes a description of and funding source for each program listed in the Board item:

<b><u>Enrichment Provider</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Funding</u></b>
Advantage Communications	Provides Speech coaching services to middle school students to build English acquisition, analytical writing, vocabulary and effective oral communication skills.	TBD
Art Masters Legacy	Provides virtual art lessons that include multimedia presentations using art visuals, images, and high-interest stories that cover each artist under study.	LCFF S/C
Conga Kids	Promote social-emotional learning including empathy, inter-personal communication, community engagement, teamwork, collaboration and respect through dance in a global and cultural context. Promotes a healthy lifestyle through physical movement and the arts.	TBD, LCFF S/C
Guided Discoveries, Inc.	Provides enrichment through a variety of experiential marine science labs and field activities with a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), the program meets state science standards through off-site field trip experience.	Donations
Pali Institute	Pali Institute is a WASC and AEE accredited residential outdoor education camp located in the San Bernardino Mountains near Lake Arrowhead. Students learn about aerodynamics, renewable and nonrenewable energy, engineering in California, forest ecology and ecosystems, squid and owl pellet dissections, visit the Nature Center Greenhouse, and learn to navigate using compasses and coordinates through nature hikes, as well as other hands-on activities.	Donations, Community Schools Grant
Playworks	Provides onsite implementation of strategies, games, and systems. A trained coach facilitates structured activities during recess, school day, and after school. Students learn games, rules, and conflict mediation skills through daily rotations. Coaches lead leadership development trainings with “Junior Coaches” who serve as conflict mediation and role models on the playground.	Community Schools Grant

Latino Film Institute (Youth Cinema Project)	Provides literacy development including reading, writing, speaking, and listening as well as career technical skill development including directing, acting, filming, and editing.	TBD
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