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Excellence and Equity in Education

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To: San Mateo County Board of Education

From: Marco A. Chávez, County Superintendent of Schools

Subject: **Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding Annual Report**

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 2023–2024. The legislation allocates 1 percent of the previous fiscal year’s Kindergarten through Grade 12 (K–12) portion of the Proposition 98 funding guarantee, excluding funding appropriated for the AMS education program.

Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) with 500 or more students are required to ensure 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.

As part of the accountability requirements, LEAs are required to present AMS Funding Annual Reports to their governing board for approval. The block grant allocation provided arts instruction to students in our California State Preschool Programs, Special Services Program, and Court and Community Schools during the 2025-2026 school year.

I will be present at the board meeting on August 19, 2026, to share additional details and respond to any questions the Board may have.

Attachment

Approved and Recommended to the Board:

Marco A. Chávez, County Superintendent of Schools

Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding Annual Report Fiscal Year 2025-26

Name: San Mateo Co. Office of Education
CDS Code: 4110413-0000000
Allocation Year: 2025-26, 2024-25

1. Narrative Description of Proposition 28 Arts Education Programs Funded

The San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE) recognizes the critical importance of arts education in fostering creativity, cultural awareness, and social-emotional well-being for all students. In alignment with Proposition 28, SMCOE continues to expand equitable access to high-quality arts education, particularly for students in programs that have historically had limited access to visual and performing arts opportunities.

The California State Preschool Program (CSPP) used Proposition 28 funds to continue providing weekly music and movement instruction in classrooms across the county through partnerships with In Harmony Music and Music for Minors. These programs provided young learners with joyful, developmentally appropriate arts experiences that support creative expression, language development, motor skills, and social-emotional learning.

Building on planning begun during the 2024–25 school year, SMCOE also expanded arts instruction within its Special Services and Court and Community Schools programs. SMCOE contracted with Young Audiences of Northern California to provide visual arts and world music instruction to students in our K–22 Special Services programs and at Hillcrest School. This partnership increased access to consistent, high-quality arts learning for students who have historically had fewer opportunities to participate in arts education.

Through these investments, SMCOE continues to use Proposition 28 funding to build sustainable and equitable arts programming that responds to the diverse strengths, identities, learning needs, and experiences of the students we serve.

2. Number of Full-Time Equivalent Certificated Teachers Providing Arts Education Programs with Prop 28 Funds	0 FTE
3. Number of Full-Time Equivalent Classified Personnel Providing Arts Education Programs with Prop 28 Funds	0 FTE
4. Number of Full-Time Equivalent Teaching Aides Providing Arts Education Programs with Prop 28 Funds	0 FTE

5. Number of Students Served with Prop 28 Funds	886 students
6. Number of School Sites Providing Arts Education Programs with Prop 28 Funds	27 sites

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