

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO: BSEP Planning & Oversight Committee
FROM: Pete Gidlund, Visual & Performing Arts Program Supervisor, and
Pasquale Scuderi, Associate Superintendent for Educational Services
DATE: March 13, 2018
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Expenditure of BSEP Funds for the Music, Visual
and Performing Arts Programs in 2018-19

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Berkeley Public Schools Educational Excellence Act of 2016 allocates 6.25% of the available revenues annually to providing quality instructional programs in music and the

Visual and

VAPA Technician

0.6 FTE

The VAPA Technician keeps an ongoing database (library information software) of all instruments and sheet music. The VAPA Tech works with the music teachers to ensure that they have the materials and supplies they need for their students. This person arranges for repairs, tracks purchase orders, places and receives orders, tracks teacher absences and repairs instruments when possible. In the fall and the spring, the VAPA Tech delivers and then picks up over 2,500 instruments from the school sites.

Middle School (6-8th)

Arts Anchor Program - \$85,000

The Arts Anchor school program provides professional development in arts to K-5 classroom teachers, utilizing modeling and coaching to encourage classroom teachers to integrate the arts into their curriculum. Teachers at Arts Anchor schools design the professional development focus as a team and work with an arts provider or a certificated arts teacher to plan integrated arts lessons. Classroom modeling and coaching are essential to deepen learning and understanding for all students, as well as greater teaching proficiency of the teachers.

In 2018-19, ten elementary schools plan to participate in the Arts Anchor program. Principals and teachers report an increased level of confidence among classroom teachers in undertaking arts integration on their own. Classroom teachers eagerly choose curriculum and an art focus for the year; teachers who are new to the staff or who have not participated previously engage in the work. Dance and class plays have become “something we do at this school” and student displays throughout the school express the “student as artist” vision.

Arts Anchor Extension Pilot

\$110,400

This year we plan to pilot funding for arts and enrichment that are missing from current programming either because of scheduling or funding constraints. The intent is to provide equitable arts opportunities for all students.

and repair in order to serve a larger overall population than was being served several years ago. Also, the cost of instruments and repair services have gone up significantly in the past several years. Increases in this area reflect those costs. \$43,000 is budgeted for instrument purchases, and \$32,000 for repairs, tuning and moving.

Materials - \$47,000

The music library collection will continue to be expanded in 2017-18 to help students grow and develop as musicians. As the number of students enrolled in music classes continues to increase at the middle schools, so does the need for additional instruments, repairs and instructional materials. As the students become more proficient, more sophisticated instruments must be provided. \$40,000 is budgeted for music materials and supplies, and \$6,000 for drama production materials. The balance of the budget, \$1000, is for memberships with the National and California Music Educators Associations, The Kennedy Center Partners in Education Program, and the Orff Music Association.

Mileage for Music Teachers; Festival Participation
\$10,000

Mileage reimbursement is needed for the elementary and middle school music teachers, who travel between three or four schools a day and five to seven schools during the course of the week.

Middle school teachers understand the tremendous educational opportunity provided by participation in local chorus, band and orchestra festivals. Students play for adjudicators who give the chorus, band or orchestra a score with comments. In addition, guest conductors work with the ensembles in clinics. The registration fees are covered and teachers raise funds for the buses to transport students.

Technology **\$10,000**

This budget would fund purchases of bluetooth speakers and LCD projectors for all music teachers as well as new desktop teacher computers for VAPA HQ are planned for 2018-19.

Performances and Exhibitions **\$3,000**

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