



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: _____ Superintendent: David Holmes

Administrator/Staff: _____

Type of Item: ☐ Informational ☒ Action

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

I am applying for the JCF Enrichment Grant to enhance the Illinois Valley High School Art Program. The grant will allow us to provide students with access to additional art supplies, tools, and resources that are currently unavailable due to budget limitations. Specifically, the funding will support hands-on projects and new learning experiences that enrich students' artistic abilities and understanding. I would like the board to discuss and approve this grant application to ensure our art program continues to offer high-quality educational opportunities and foster creativity and skill development for all students.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

Currently, the program primarily operates with basic art supplies, which restricts the scope of projects that students can undertake. This limitation has hindered the program's potential to explore more advanced techniques, mediums, and cross-curricular learning opportunities, all of which are essential for a comprehensive art education. Additionally, the lack of funds has made it challenging to keep up with modern developments in the arts, such as digital art and mixed media, which are crucial for students aspiring to pursue art-related careers or higher education.

List the advantages of your proposal:

1.Enhanced Learning Opportunities:

- Students will gain access to a wider range of art supplies and materials, allowing them to experiment with various media and techniques, enhancing their creative skills.

2.Improved Student Engagement:

- More diverse and advanced projects will increase student interest and engagement, fostering a deeper connection to the art curriculum and encouraging exploration of personal expression.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

Ongoing Maintenance Costs:

- The acquisition of new materials and technology may require future funding for maintenance, replacements, or upgrades, which could place additional financial strain on the program if not accounted for.

Initial Learning Curve for New Tools:

- Introducing new technology, such as digital art tools, may require training for both students and staff, which could temporarily slow down the pace of instruction until everyone is familiar with the new resources.

Space and Storage Concerns:

- Expanding the range of materials and equipment may require additional storage or classroom space.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?