

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

August 28, 2012

Annual Fine Arts Board Report

Board Goal:

I. Vision

- (a) Cultivate a network of professional learning communities addressing the educational needs of every child in our district
- (b) develop and maintain a culture where learning is our first priority
- (c) remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus
- (e) develop a budget focused on student and professional learning
- (f) effectively communicate achievements and recognitions to the Denton ISD community
- (g) prepare our students to be successful in a global society while instilling an appreciation for community service

II. Teaching & Learning

- (a) cultivate a consistent, strong, district-wide balanced curriculum based on ongoing needs assessments that supports all students
- (d) expect full curriculum implementation on each campus by instructional leaders
- (e) establish quality staff development programs that promote professional learning communities
- (f) strive to deliver all academic programs through teachers possessing advanced degrees and demonstrable competence in their areas of professional responsibility
- (g) stay abreast of and incorporate best practices into teaching, learning, technology and leadership
- (h) advocate and practice true accountability based on measurement of individual student progress over time, regardless of external mandates

III. Climate

- (a) celebrate and respect the diversity in our Denton ISD Community
- (b) encourage and nourish a safe learning and compassionate working environment which ensures open and transparent communication and is supportive, cooperative, and ethical
- (c) establish a high expectation level for success for all students, staff, parents, and community
- (d) instill in students a love of life-long learning
- (e) motivate and prepare students to embrace their full responsibilities and obligations as active citizens of their community, nation and world

IV. Parent and Community Involvement

- (a) foster a positive and welcoming environment that encourages parent and community partnerships to achieve success for all our students
- (b) work continuously with the community in planning and facility development
- (c) utilize citizens' advisory committees to focus on short and long-term tasks

V. Human Resources

- (a) develop and expect a consistently high level of, and respect for, professional performance by all staff
- (b) recruit, select, employ, and retain teachers in every classroom because of substantive experience in the discipline they teach, rather than in auxiliary functions
- (d) encourage all teachers and staff to pursue advanced professional development and degrees within their specialty area

VI. Growth & Change

- (a) review and adjust policies and procedures as appropriate to address the challenges of rapid growth and changing demographic characteristics while maintaining and enhancing our strong sense of community

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- (c) be environmentally responsible and aggressively pursue energy efficiency and conservation principles in building design, transportation alternatives, and operating procedures

Purpose of Report

The Board will be presented with information regarding Denton ISD fine arts programs, including parent and community involvement, personnel recruitment, curricular and innovative programs, staff development training, financial and equipment support, program successes, and special performance recognitions.

Objectives

- Provide board members with knowledge of annual fine arts activities
- Highlight major initiatives and accomplishments related to the fine arts programs
- Provide information on fine arts program growth in 2011-12 and projected growth in 2012-13

Operational Impact

The fine arts activities presented in this report were accomplished during the 2011-12 school year with resources from the district budget, campus budgets, and fund raising activities sponsored by individual fine arts organizations and booster clubs. Projected fine arts activities for the 2012-13 school year will be accomplished from the same funding sources and will reflect necessary changes to maximize the fine arts budget allotment.

Results

The information presented in this report offers evidence of overall competitive, high-quality fine arts programs across the district. Progress continues to be made toward strengthening existing programs and continuing initiatives or starting new initiatives to support continued instructional improvement at all levels.

Other Options