



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 17-Dec-13

Agenda #

Staff/Administrator: R. George

Superintendent: P. Adams

Type of Item: Action

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

Lorna Bryne Middle School, Evergreen Elementary School, Illinois River Valley Arts Council (IRVAC), and the Illinois Valley Community Development Organization (IVCDO) would like to partner in pursuing an Oregon Community Foundation Grant to support a *Studio to School* program within the Illinois Valley community. This grant would bring weekly programming in dance and theatre to all elementary school students after school, all middle school students during and after school, and to their families and the greater community in performances.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

Over the past five years, IRVAC, Evergreen, and Lorna Byrne have successfully implemented a 21st Century Grant with an arts component, as well as an Education through the Arts program, which affords students in both schools additional arts opportunities. Arts Education is incredible important to the community, parents, and students in the Illinois River Valley. The *Studio to School* project would help continue arts education within Lorna Byrne and Evergreen.

List the advantages of your proposal:

The advantages to this proposal include:

- Offering classes and programs that have been historically cut across the district
- Increasing motivation and morale by students
- Helping foster an inclusive and supporting environment for student that don't fit into the typical "athlete" role in the schools
- Increasing community partnership and support within our district
- Partnering with general education teachers to ensure arts education is infused across the content areas (math, reading, social studies, and science).

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

At this time, there are no disadvantages to the proposal.

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

Possible alternatives include increasing funding at the federal and state level so additional teachers could be hired to supplement a wide range of elective options for students.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No