



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 9/2/2014 **Superintendent:** David Holmes

Administrator/Staff: Darrell Erb - Williams Elementary School

Type of Item: *Informational* *Action*

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

It is proposed that Williams Elementary accept a grant in the amount of \$5,500 to be used in support of strings instruction.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

Communiversy, a 501©3, has been a partner in providing strings instructor for our k-5 students since 2000. John Rickert, Communiversy founder and presiding officer, will be closing the books on this non-profit and wishes to donate a final \$5,500 toward strings program at Williams to support strings instruction. In the past, Communiversy has contracted with a strings teacher and assistant and generously placed them at Williams Elementary.

List the advantages of your proposal:

This grant ensures another year of strings instruction at Williams as we move into a new era of fundraising for this program without Communiversy's kind support. The strings program is an important part of our learning community.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

There is always a cost of time and effort to manage funds; there are not strings attached beyond the understanding that the funds will be used directly in support of strings instruction.

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

One possible alternative is that a different funding source be considered. In this case, Mr. Rickert and Communiversy have a long-standing relationship with Williams Elementary, one which has proven successful, so it appears unnecessary to consider an alternative to Communiversities kind and unsolicited grant offer. Another alternative would be to refuse this generous offer, but that could, and likely would, mean an end to our strings program for this year, thus such a course of action seems inadvisable.

Superintendent's recommendation(s): **Approve:** Yes No