

To: Amy Starzecki, Asst. Superintendent

From: Teri L. Akervik, Music Specialist/PCAE Regional Center Leader

Date: March 24, 2016

Re: PCAE NE MN Regional Grant '16-'17

Perpich Center for Arts Education (PCAE) Northeast Minnesota Regional Center Grant with the Duluth Public Schools (DPS)

Attached is information of a grant proposal which will be submitted to Sue Mackert, Executive Director of the Perpich Center and the PCAE Board of Directors in May. The grant request will be in the amount of \$45,300. This is a draft of the grant proposal being sent to Dr. Betsy Maloney, Outreach Coordinator for PCAE, on March 25. The draft proposal is a requirement for the grant process prior to final proposal submission.

With this grant, the Duluth Public Schools will continue to serve as a Regional Center for PCAE in Northeastern Minnesota. The grant money will be used for staff development of Arts educators (Music, Media Arts, Visual Arts, Dance and Theater) in Duluth as well as the Arrowhead region. Goals of the regional center are increasing collaboration amongst arts teachers and training to improve student achievement. The budget provides funding for the Regional Center Leader, coordinator/leadership team members, workshops, substitute costs and supplies. Projects proposed for this grant include *Peer Mentoring* and *Curriculum & Assessment*. The grant request includes training in the best practice of Professional Learning Communities for teachers in the Arts, curriculum and assessment design and analyzing student data. The integration of arts concepts with Math and Reading components will also be included in the teacher professional development. The budget and its use for the projects is to be determined by the NE MN Regional Center Leadership Team, representing all of the Arts content areas and the Regional Center Leader/Coordinator(s) in collaboration with staff from ISD #709.

I will be available to answer questions or provide more information as needed.

Cc: Dr. Mike Cary, Director of Curriculum

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