

To: Duluth School Board

Bill Gronseth, Superintendent

From: Teri L. Akervik

Charlie Leibfried

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Date: March 13, 2012

Re: PCAE Partnership Grant

Perpich Center for Arts Education (PCAE) Partnership Project with Duluth Public Schools

Sue Mackert, PCAE Executive Director, is proposing a partnership project with Duluth Public Schools (DPS) with a grant funding of \$135,000 over two years. Money to be granted includes \$60,000 for FY 2012 and \$75,000 for FY 2013. Ed Crawford, Charlie Leibfried, Ron Dougall and Teri Akervik met with Ms. Mackert on March 8 to discuss the project.

DPS would serve as a Regional Center for PCAE for Northeastern Minnesota. The money could be used for staff development and the training of Arts teachers (Music, Media Arts, Visual Arts and Dance and Theater) in Duluth as well as the region. Money could also pay for a coordinator position(s), stipends, workshops and supplies. The project is to be defined by the DPS Arts educators, Project Coordinator(s) and the Learning Services Department. It will include research, writing of Arts Curriculum and Assessment, collaborative work with PCAE staff and training for other school districts to meet state Arts standards. It is based on the model of Teacher to Teacher Initiative and peer mentoring.

Cc: Ed Crawford, Interim Asst. Superintendent

Ron Dougall, Curriculum Coordinator