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**TOPIC: PROP 28 UPDATE: THE ARTS AND MUSIC IN SCHOOLS (AMS) FUNDING
GUARANTEE AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**

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DISCUSSION:

On November 8, 2022, California voters approved Proposition 28: The Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act, requiring the state to establish a new, ongoing program supporting arts instruction in schools beginning in 2023-24. This is the first annual report to the Board regarding how the funding has been used, including expenditures in the following areas:

- The number of full-time equivalent teachers, classified personnel, and teaching aides.
- The number of pupils served.
- The number of school sites providing arts education programs with AMS funds.

For the 2023-24 school year, AMS expenditures were reserved for training, supplies, materials, teacher performance stipends, and arts educational partnership programs. No funding in 2023-24 was used for FTE because the site funding allotments were not received until February, 2024.

2023-2024 School Year AMS Annual Expenditures

- Total number of full-time equivalent teachers, classified personnel, and teaching aides: 0
- Total number of pupils served: 29,235 (23-24 Census Day Enrollment)
- Total number of school sites providing arts education programs with AMS funds: 35

The 2024-25 school year will include full implementation of our AMS allocation including 80 percent of funds being used to employ certificated or classified employees.

With this new, ongoing financial support, a sub-committee was formed under the guidance of the Deep Learning and Innovation Steering Committee to create a strategic arts plan. Under the leadership of the Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Teacher on Special Assignment (TSA), this committee of students, teachers, parents and caregivers, counselors, administrators, school board members, and community partners are working together to create guidance for the future of arts education in SRVUSD. On February 7, 2024, the committee held its first meeting where the overwhelming response from our student participants was a desire to see their unique identities reflected in their arts experiences. This desire fuels the path forward during the planning process.

Our school board approved a total number of 7 new VAPA courses for the 2024-25 school year with the support of these new, ongoing AMS funds. Site administrators continue to work with their communities to finalize plans for VAPA course offerings, staffing, supplies, equipment, and professional development opportunities for the coming school year.

RECOMMENDATION: To approve the AMS Annual Report for the 2023-24 school year.

BUDGET IMPLICATION: The District has been allocated \$3,456,873 in AMS funds for the 2023-24 school year, and projects that \$323,263 will be spent on VAPA services and supplies, and \$3,133,610 will be carried over to 2024-25.