Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding Annual Report Fiscal Year 2024-25

Name: Kern Co. Office of Education CDS Code: 1510157-0000000 Allocation Year: 2024-25, 2023-24

1. Narrative description of the Prop 28 arts education program(s) funded. (2500 character limit).

The Kern County Superintendent of Schools' Alternative Education Division began building capacity for an Arts Program utilizing Prop 28 funds in the spring of 2025, focusing on linking arts education with entrepreneurship skills. A Glowforge laser printer, two large Cricut vinyl cutters and mug presses, subscriptions for the equipment, a mobile cart to transport equipment to the classrooms, and a substantial amount of art supplies were purchased to support the anticipated programming. Five schools were served throughout the county this spring, including CLC Tech, North Kern Community School, Erwin Owen High School, CLC Jr. High, and Jamison Center. 131 students participated in a variety of activities including beanie making, soap making, mug making, heat-pressed art, and string art. The Alternative Education program is in the process of contracting with the Kern Arts Council to bring additional creative opportunities to our students in 2025–26, utilizing the equipment we have secured. A highlight this year was a service project where CLC Tech high school students undertook knitting beanies to donate to the neonatal unit at Kern Medical Center. Prop 28 funding made this project possible. We also operate arts education programs in Special Education and Child Development. However, those programs did not expend Proposition 28 funds in FY 2024–25. Remaining allocations will be carried forward and are planned for use in FY 2025–26 to expand Arts and Music in School programs.

2. Number of full-time equivalent teachers (certificated). 0.0

3. Number of full-time equivalent personnel (classified). 0.0

4. Number of full-time equivalent teaching aides. 0.0

5. Number of students served. 131

6. Number of school sites providing arts education.

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