

# **FINE ARTS**



## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

### **OVERVIEW**

The Fine Arts Subcommittee for the AISD Bond Committee met at the PDC on May 5, 19, and 26<sup>th</sup>. As requested by the Board of Trustees the group discussed and debated the fine arts needs of the district through 2015.

On May 5<sup>th</sup> Mr. Huff presented to the Bond Advisory Committee a very conservative projection of needs for the next five years. The Fine Arts Department requested \$3,862,022 in the following proposal due to the following reasons:

- A. Current A/B Block scheduling at the High School brought the 9<sup>th</sup> grade up to the high school level without enough additional instruments added
- B. Addition of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band was done without buying new instruments
- C. Our demographics are changing – more students need a district instrument than in the past
- D. Not enough instruments have been bought throughout the years to replace those getting very old

The Bond Committee as a whole requested a proposal that would show what it would take to help AISD become more successful in Fine Arts, to balance out what every school really needs, and to provide the opportunity for quality in all of our schools. There are approximately 62,863 students in our district, and over half of them (40,428) are involved in some form of Fine Arts. The programs offered are Band, Choir, Orchestra, Theatre, Dance/Drill team.

The members of the Subcommittee: David Berg, Kanini Brooks, Jennifer Jennings, Catt Johnson and Kelly McClendon

The Sub-Committee was advised by Mr. Huff, Director of Fine Arts for AISD, who has thorough knowledge of the AISD needs in the fine arts. We also took tours of Workman JH and Sam Houston HS. After the tour, the Fine Arts Sub-Committee asked Mr. Huff to send a request to all of the schools' Fine Arts Directors in our district for a needs assessment of what could provide an excellent high quality program. With the schools' request and by reviewing their current inventory, Mr. Huff has revised his proposal.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommended amount: 8,270,364

**NEED:** Our students do not have adequate instruments throughout the district. We need to assist our children in developing their musicianship, and improving their all around academic success. Every school will be affected and it would balance out the programs. Funding Fine Arts pays in Academic Success, and

could provide a child with new worlds to explore and challenges to tackle. It should be a part of every child's world of opportunity.

It has been proven that classical music causes the heart beat and pulse rate to relax to the beat of the music. As the body becomes relaxed and alert, the mind is able to concentrate more easily. It decreases blood pressure and enhances the ability to learn. The musician is constantly adjusting decisions on tempo, tone, style, rhythm, phrasing, and feeling- training the brain to become incredibly good at organizing and conducting numerous activities at once. Dedicated practice of this orchestration can have a great payoff for lifelong attention skills, intelligence, and the ability for self-knowledge and expression.

Elementary children involved in enriched programs showed marked improvement in reading and math skills. A study of preschoolers showed that after eight months of keyboard lessons, preschoolers showed a 46% boost in their spatial reasoning IQ.(University of California, Irvine, 1994) Elementary and middle schools show significant increases in self-esteem and thinking skills.

Secondary students who participated in band or orchestra reported the lowest lifetime and current use of all substances (alcohol, tobacco, illicit drugs). It is also a solution to teen violence.

Scientific evidence proves that an education and exposure in the arts makes better math and science students, improved school grades, better-adjusted social behavior, and improvements in "spatial-temporal reasoning," which is the foundation of engineering and science. It is also an effective learning medium for aspects of language development.

High School students who study music generally have higher grade point averages than those who don't. Students listening skills are also improved through music education. Students involved in choir, band and orchestra score higher on SATs in both verbal and math than their peers. The College Board identifies the arts as one of the six basic academic subject areas students should study in order to succeed in college. Funding Fine Arts pays in academic success.

When Albert Einstein was a child he did extremely poor in school. The grade school teachers told his mother he was "too stupid to learn" and it would be a waste of resources for the school to invest time and energy in his education. His mother did not think that Albert was "stupid". Instead of following the school's advice, Albert's parents bought him a violin. Albert became good at the violin. Music was the key that helped Albert Einstein become one of the smartest men who has ever lived.

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## PURCHASING CAPACITY

The band and orchestra instruments that will be purchased are outlined in the attachment titled *Arlington ISD Fine Arts- 5 Year Big T Projections*. The prices shown on this attachment are a reflection of current pricing.

In addition, bond revenue will be used to purchase some new band, choir, orchestra, and drill team uniforms.

## IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

Over the next five years, every school will be affected and will be equipped to provide a quality fine arts experience for all students. The attachment titled *Arlington ISD Fine Arts Department Big T Projections-5 Years* shows the spending distribution by category to during the five year timeline of bond expenditures.

## COMMITTEE SUPPORT

The subcommittee recommends that the full Committee accept its recommendation and forward it to the School Board.

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AISD Instrument Assessment  
5 Year BigT Projection

<u>Misc Requestd Items</u>	<u>Instrument</u>	<u>JH Cost</u>	<u>HS Cost</u>	<u>Elem Cost</u>
"A" Clarinets	Flute	\$410.00	\$410.00	\$338.00
Alto Clarinets	Oboe	\$2,178.00	\$4,729.00	\$871.00
Amplifier/Guitar	Clarinet	\$340.00	\$360.00	\$333.00
Chairs/Musician	Bassoon	\$4,400.00	\$7,000.00	\$4,289.00
Choral Shell Systems	Bass Clarinet	\$1,400.00	\$7,800.00	\$1,358.00
Conductor Systems	Alto Saxophone	\$1,289.00	\$1,650.00	\$776.00
Contra Bass Clarinet	Tenor Saxophone	\$1,500.00	\$1,800.00	
Folio Cabinet	Bari Saxophone	\$3,184.00	\$7,416.00	
Electric Guitars	Trumpet	\$450.00	\$1,575.00	\$444.00
Keyboard/Electronic	Horn	\$2,299.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,744.00
Long Rangers	Euphonium	\$1,184.00	\$1,884.00	\$1,884.00
Microphones	Trombone	\$1,806.00	\$2,850.00	\$986.00
Music Stands	Bass Trombone	\$2,850.00	\$2,850.00	
Percussion/Misc	Tuba	\$3,660.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,275.00
Percussion Cabinets	Marching Horns		\$1,208.00	
Peterson Tuner	Sousaphones		\$4,500.00	
Sound Systems	Orchestra Bells	\$967.00	\$967.00	
Stand Racks	Snare Drum	\$800.00	\$800.00	
Stools	Bass Drum	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	
	Tympani	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	
	Chimes	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
	Xylophone	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	
	Marimba	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
	Vibraphone	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
	Cymbals	\$200.00	\$200.00	
	Chairs	\$75.00	\$75.00	
	Risers	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
	Metronome	\$800.00	\$800.00	
	Superscope	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
	Violin	\$900.00	\$3,000.00	\$300.00
	Viola	\$1,200.00	\$3,500.00	\$350.00
	Cello	\$2,900.00	\$6,500.00	\$750.00
	String Bass	\$3,000.00	\$5,500.00	\$1,500.00
	Vihuelas		\$250.00	
	Guitarrons		\$800.00	
	Piano	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	
	Piano Bench	\$300.00	\$300.00	

Arlington ISD Fine Arts- 5 Year Big T Projections

Secondary

Elementary

<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total Requested</u>
Flute	\$36,900.00	90
Oboe	\$77,036.00	26
Clarinet	\$31,200.00	90
Bassoon	\$149,200.00	28
Bass Clarinet	\$305,200.00	58
Alto Saxophone	\$126,840.00	90
Tenor Saxophone	\$63,000.00	37
Bari Saxophone	\$168,512.00	29
Trumpet	\$74,250.00	90
Horn	\$156,600.00	63
Euphonium	\$60,400.00	45
Trombone	\$193,860.00	90
Bass Trombone	\$102,600.00	36
Tuba	\$217,480.00	51
Marching Horns	\$85,768.00	71
Sousaphones	\$147,200.00	32
Orchestra Bells	\$6,769.00	7
Snare Drum	\$19,200.00	24
Bass Drum	\$30,000.00	25
Tympani	\$60,000.00	3
Chimes	\$16,000.00	4
Xylophone	\$21,000.00	7
Marimba	\$28,000.00	7
Vibraphone	\$36,000.00	9
Cymbals	\$800.00	4
Chairs	\$12,000.00	150
Risers	\$61,500.00	41
Metronome	\$800.00	1
Misc Items	\$175,000.00	
Superscope	\$4,000.00	4
Violin	\$144,000.00	90
Viola	\$171,000.00	85
Cello	\$227,000.00	46
String Bass	\$149,500.00	34
Vihuelas	\$3,000.00	12
Guitarrons	\$9,600.00	12
	\$0.00	0
Piano	\$13,500.00	3
Piano Bench	\$600.00	2

Total = \$3,185,315.00

<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total Requested</u>
Flute	\$10,816.00	32
Oboe	\$5,226.00	6
Clarinet	\$11,655.00	35
Bassoon	\$8,578.00	2
Bass Clarinet	\$16,296.00	12
Alto Saxophone	\$17,072.00	22
Tenor Saxophone	\$5,868.00	4
Bari Saxophone	\$0.00	0
Trumpet	\$12,432.00	28
Horn	\$34,880.00	20
Euphonium	\$60,288.00	32
Trombone	\$21,692.00	22
Bass Trombone	\$2,805.00	1
Tuba	\$77,350.00	34
Sousaphones	\$0.00	0
Orchestra Bells	\$0.00	0
Snare Drum	\$700.00	2
Bass Drum	\$0.00	0
Cymbals	\$0.00	0
Risers	\$0.00	0
Metronome	\$800.00	1
Misc	\$0.00	0
Superscope	\$0.00	0
Violin	\$6,600.00	22
Viola	\$5,600.00	16
Cello	\$15,750.00	21
String Bass	\$45,000.00	30
Piano	\$0.00	0
Piano Bench	\$0.00	0

Total = \$359,408.00

Grand Total = \$3,544,723.00

Arlington ISD - Fine Arts Department  
Big - T Projection - 5 Years

	<u>Yr 1</u>	<u>Yr 2</u>	<u>Yr 3</u>	<u>Yr 4</u>	<u>Yr 5</u>
Band Instruments	\$824,250	\$865,463	\$908,736	\$954,172	\$1,001,881
Orchestra Instruments	\$262,500	\$275,625	\$289,406	\$303,877	\$319,070
Choir/Elementary	\$157,500	\$165,375	\$173,644	\$182,326	\$191,442
Marching Band Uniforms	\$0	\$351,650	\$142,000	\$208,950	\$156,750
Concert Band Uniforms	\$25,000	\$26,250	\$27,563	\$28,941	\$30,388
Orchestra Uniforms	\$25,000	\$26,250	\$27,563	\$28,941	\$30,388
Choir Uniforms	\$25,000	\$26,250	\$27,563	\$28,941	\$30,388
Drill Team Uniforms	\$0	\$17,100	\$26,925	\$37,700	\$39,600
<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$1,319,250</b>	<b>\$1,753,963</b>	<b>\$1,623,398</b>	<b>\$1,773,847</b>	<b>\$1,799,907</b>

Grand Total = \$8,270,364