COUNTIES ON THE MOVE: Arts Education for All Students

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“Research shows that a high-quality arts education has an exponential effect on student success, attendance and social-emotional aptitude. The arts are important for the development of 21st century skills needed for our future creative workforce.”

– Gayle Garbolino-Mojica, Placer County Superintendent of Schools

The Placer County Office of Education (PCOE), along with 16 individual school districts and one community college district, works to strive that every child be equipped with a first-class education to succeed in a global economy, to appreciate the cultural, social and historical resources of their community, and to be active participants in civic responsibilities. PCOE works collaboratively with stakeholders and educators to support and encourage arts instruction for students throughout the county.

Spotlight on Roseville City School District
– Music Education for All Students

Music education is about so much more than learning to sing or play an instrument. Children who learn music do better in other subjects and gain skills that will help them with language development, increased IQ, creativity, spatial-temporal skills, coordination, and improved test scores. It’s for these reasons and more that the Roseville
City School District proudly offers music education to all students.

“It’s surreal to grasp that every student in our district takes part in a music education program,” said district Superintendent Derk Garcia. “Our ability to offer arts to every student is intentional and purposeful. It has been accomplished through a partnership with the Roseville City School District Foundation (RCSDF), whose mission is to enhance, enrich and expand the education of every child in our district.”

The Roseville City School District serves more than 11,300 students in TK-8. The music program was created so that every child would receive quality music education through a credentialed music teacher. The program’s mission is to improve creativity, increase auditory skills, foster an appreciation for the arts, promote performance and participation and additionally foster social skills through cooperation and collaboration. At each school site, this includes instruction in singing, playing rhythm instruments, drums, reading music, listening skills, physical movement, and performance ensembles where students can study music more deeply.

Each school has a music specialist who not only teaches each class individually, but also has a performance ensemble, which include bucket bands, choirs, recorder groups, ukeleles and more. At the elementary level, students attend music class weekly and each middle school offers elective classes.

This work is only accomplished through the partnership between the school district and the Roseville City School District Foundation, which has donated more than $165,000 towards music instruments and supplies. Learn more at https://www.rcsdk8.org.