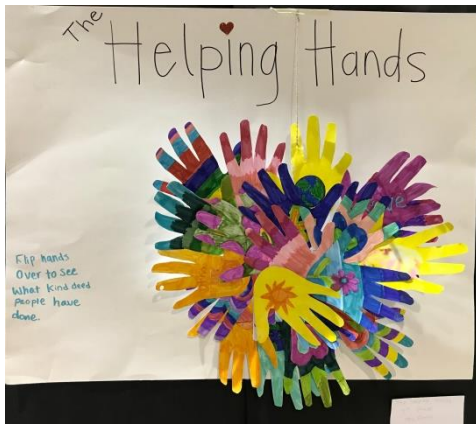




2018 Phase One: Arts Survey Report



Arts as First Step of STEAM

Why begin with arts?

- Our Foundation vision is quality education for all students, regardless of their zip code. Overall we aim to fund STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) enrichment and career technical opportunities.
- Our first donation was \$30,000 from MDEA Academy Awards, dedicated to elementary school arts. Those funds enable us to launch art programs this year! We began by surveying arts in our schools – what exists and what is wished for. This report shows what we learned.

What's next beyond art?

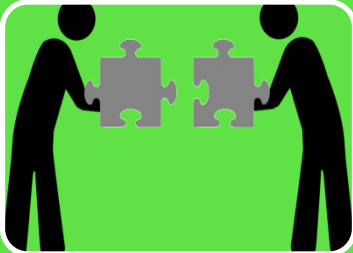


Arts Survey Outreach



Online survey

- Sent to principals, teachers, & parent leaders of all 31 elementary schools



Listening to District Leaders

- Superintendent Nellie Meyer
- Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools Jose Espinoza



Connecting with community groups

- Concord Art Association
- Concord Historical Society

Arts Survey Results

Online Survey

- Emailed survey link to
 - 31 principals, 600 teachers, 67 parent leaders
- 127 responses
- 29 of 31 elementary schools responded

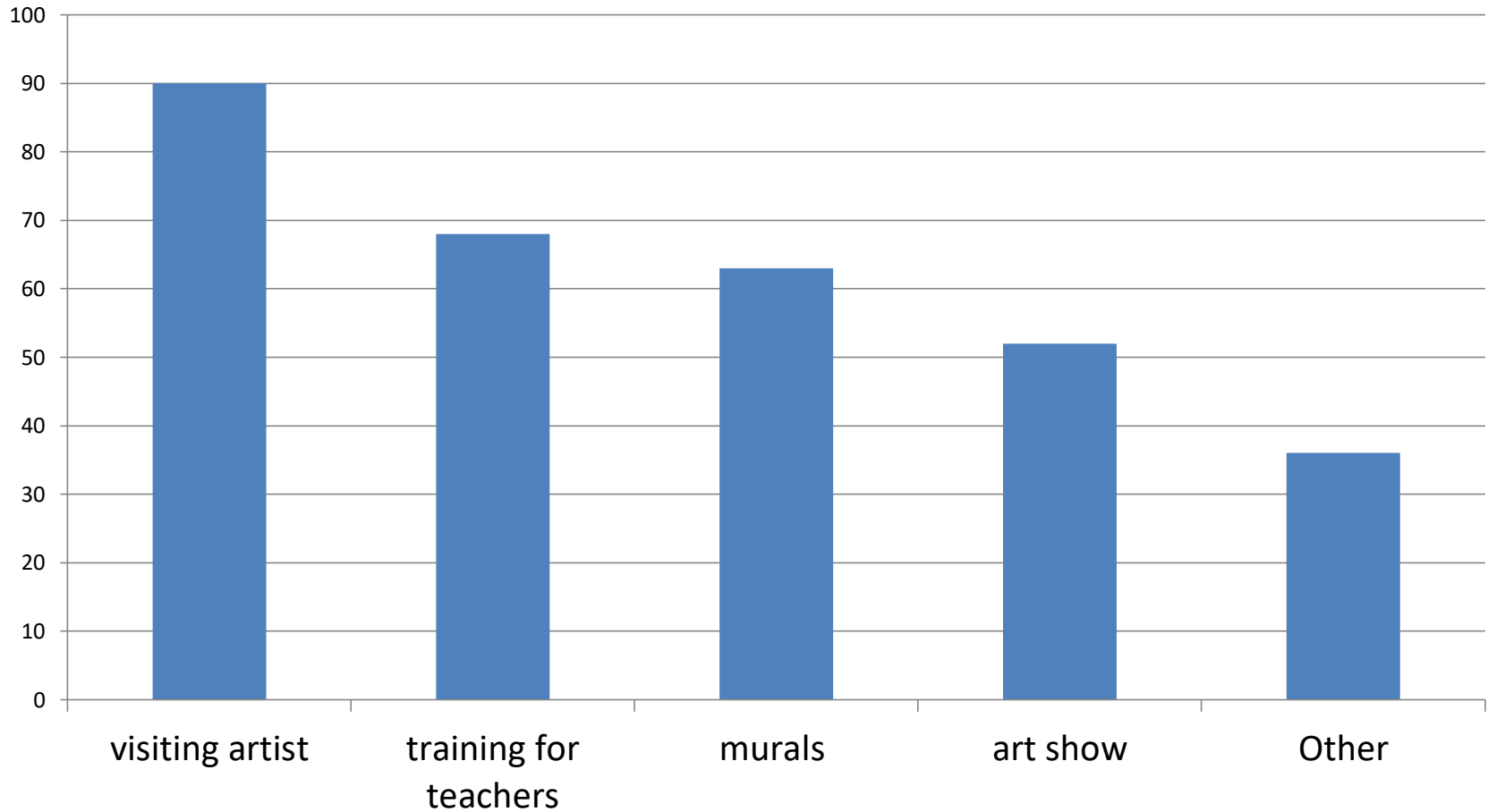
Our state does not fund arts in education, so:

- Incredibly **dedicated volunteers** are bringing the arts to many of our students thanks to enthusiastic teachers, parent volunteers, or community groups.
- In some schools, parent groups manage parent-led art classes, fund art supplies, and organize fee-based afterschool drama and art programs.
- Let's share arts information & resources to reach more students!

Community in our Schools

- **Free resources exist** that some schools have tapped into, such as Bedford Gallery's **Art in a Suitcase**.
- **Art curricula with grade level specific Common Core aligned hands-on projects** have been successful in some schools, such as **Art in Action** or **Meet the Masters**.
 - These require ongoing funding and teachers or volunteers who are willing to teach art.

Arts Wish List Survey Responses



Arts Survey Wish List

- Visiting artists
- Bus transport to share performances & talent across schools
 - e.g. Concord HS choirs singing at El Monte Elementary
- Art in Action:: Meet the Masters
 - online art curricula & supplies for teachers & parent volunteers
- Wren Avenue Arts Magnet School
 - art consumables
 - curriculum & professional development for performing arts
- Family art backpacks
- Fund a set of art poster prints for a school
- Artist-in-residence
- Drama productions
- Youth TEDTalks

Art Community Resources

- Bedford Gallery Art in a Suitcase
 - trained volunteer art docents bring art supplies and lead an art lesson at schools
 - <http://www.bedfordgallery.org/education-tours/workshops>
- Concord Art Association
 - Gallery Art exhibits for MDUSD students, Teacher Grant program
- Assistance League of Diablo Valley - Arts Discovery
 - Currently at Shore Acres Elementary
- California Watercolor Association
 - In Walnut Creek, brings supplies and leads art lesson. www.californiawatercolor.org
- San Francisco Opera Company curricula & school programs:
 - <https://sfopera.com/discover-opera/education/schools/classroom-materials/>
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(free or scholarships available. For full list, visit <http://mdusdvapa.weebly.com/resources.html>)

Action Steps

We have the opportunity to ensure EVERY school can access art enrichment for students.

1. MDEDF aims to **fund visiting artists/performers** to elementary schools!
2. MDEDF's website will link to MDUSD's to feature a **list of free art resources** for schools at
 - <http://mdusdvapa.weebly.com/resources.html>
3. MDEDF will partner with MDUSD to create and promote an **Arts Wish List of items with dollar amounts** to inform donors on the impact they can make for arts in our schools.
4. MDEDF seeks to **bridge connections** between community artists, businesses and our schools, such as the Concord Art Association and Concord Historical Society.

Visiting Chalk Artist Mark Wagner



Our Foundation aims to bring opportunities like this to more MDUSD Elementary Schools!

Mark presented an assembly on chalk art at Valhalla Elementary. Then students participated in a day long chalk project. Drone photographs visually capture the memorable art experience.



How Can You Help?

Be an Arts in MDUSD schools champion

- Donate funds at www.mdedf.org
- Volunteer at a school site
- Connect MDEDF with
 - Potential funders
 - Artists
 - Friends
 - Alumni

