MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Paul O. Burns, Ed.D.

DATE: November 10, 2023

SUBJECT: Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Program

The Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Program was created to assist participating school districts in implementing and supporting comprehensive music education programs for students in kindergarten through grade 2.

As stated in section (s.) 1003.481, Florida Statutes (F.S.), school districts are eligible to participate in the program if the superintendent certifies to the Department, in a format prescribed by the Department, that specified elementary schools within the district have established a comprehensive music education program that:

- includes all students at the school enrolled in kindergarten through grade 2;
- is staffed by certified music educators;
- provides music instruction for at least 30 consecutive minutes two days a week;
- complies with class size requirements under s. 1003.03, F.S.; and
- complies with the Department’s standards for early childhood music education programs for students in kindergarten through grade 2.

Participating school districts shall annually receive a maximum of $150 per full-time equivalent student in kindergarten through grade 2 who is enrolled in a comprehensive music education program.

Each district’s grant allocation for this project is dependent upon the number of qualified district applications received. District applications should include the needs-based categories the participating schools fall under. Funding will be prioritized in the following order:

- The implementation of new K-2 music programming in districts with no existing K-2 music programming in any schools.
- The implementation of new K-2 music programming in districts with K-2 music programming in 50% or less of schools within their district.
• The implementation of new or support of existing K-2 music programming in districts with Title 1 schools.

The Request for Applications was released to school districts on Friday, November 3, 2023, and is due back to the Department of Education by Monday, December 4, 2023, at 5:00 pm Eastern Time.

For more information, please contact Amanda El Shemi in the Bureau of Standards and Instructional Support at Amanda.ElShemi@fldoe.org.

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