

## Final Report for The Gift of Music

The Champaign Urbana Schools Foundations requires a brief Final Report for each funded project. Because we are piloting *The Gift of Music* grant program this year, we are asking you to provide input about the grant process, as well as your project. Please answer the questions below. **The final report is due within 4-6 weeks of project completion or implementation.** You may mail, fax or email the report.

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Project Title: String Instrument Purchase

Lead Teacher: Curtis Viselli (Edison Middle, Bottenfield Elementary)

Collaborating Teacher(s):

1. What did you want to accomplish with this grant?

*The goal of this project was to provide quality instruments that are in good working order to Orchestra students in the district. Many of the students involved in school music programs are not able to provide their own instruments and with an increase in student numbers we were running short on school-owned instruments to rent out. Additionally, students with larger instruments (in this case Cellos) are not always able to bring their instrument to school, so it was essential that we provided working school instruments that they could use to rehearse with in class. This project was intended to provide more students with the opportunity to be a part of their school Orchestra, regardless of their ability to pay for an instrument.*

2. What were the actual outcomes? Tell us about the process, outcome and the # of students impacted?

*This project was very successful. With the instruments we purchased, we met our goals for student inclusion and no one was turned away from an Orchestra class if they were not able to provide an instrument. The 2 Cellos are kept at Edison and are being used by four students a day. One of the Violas is being rented to a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Strings student, and the other is used in 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade for Middle School Viola players. However, the long term number of students impacted will be much higher. By purchasing quality, durable instruments, we ensure that students will continue to make use of these instruments for many years to come, making this a quality investment with far-reaching benefits.*

If your project involved a performance or guest artist(s) or field trip, please address the questions below.

3. How did you prepare the students in advance?

N/A

4. How did you encourage student reflection or response to the performance, field trip or artist(s) visit? Please share work samples, student observations, verbal responses, photographs and/or video.

N/A

5. Tell us how this project impacted your teaching, your curriculum and/or your students.  
*Aside from the student benefits mentioned above, this project has also assisted me as a teacher. Our new instruments will need fewer adjustments and repairs, which will save time and money. I can also rely on the students to take full responsibility of maintaining their instrument, since they do not need my help with keeping it in working order. While the instruments have not necessarily changed the curriculum, they have certainly helped in making the implementation of curriculum easier for me as a teacher.*
6. What would you change if you did this project again?  
*I was satisfied with the results of the project, and would most likely follow the same procedure again.*
7. How can we improve the application, implementation and reporting process?  
*I think the current procedures are effective. Having the ability to write and submit the grant electronically is very helpful. Putting the grant money directly into a school account made the purchase process simple. We are currently scheduling a time for CUSF to take pictures of students using the new instruments. This is also very helpful since we will be taking pictures during normal class time, and CUSF can be sure the pictures are of the type/quality needed.*

If your project was collaborative with multiple components, please have each collaborating teacher address questions 3-7.

Please indicate at the end of your report whether you spent the total amount requested. Submitting your budget would be acceptable. Remaining funds will be returned to the Champaign Urbana Schools Foundation and used for future *Gift of Music* proposals.

### **Budget Report**

The total budget for the project was \$2,000 (with a \$1,000 Gift of Music grant). We came in slightly under budget at \$1,970. Invoices are attached for further detail.