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The survey was available online at Survey Monkey from May 28, 2009 to August 14, 2009. Participation was encouraged but not mandated by any federal or state governed agency and all respondents were solicited online. The survey, sent to district-level superintendents and art specialist coordinators, was distributed with a link to the survey as well as a letter of support from Lieutenant Governor Mitch Landrieu and State Superintendent of Education Paul Pastorek. A total of 81 respondents representing 45 parishes replied at a district level. Respondents were asked to complete demographic information to facilitate an understanding of the participants in this survey. No individuals or organizations are identified by name in final reports or any publicly published outcomes and no names were shared with other organizations. Respondents included administrators with various titles including Superintendents, Curriculum Supervisors and Directors, all of whom have held their positions for an average of 5.6 years. The survey was commissioned by the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of Cultural Development and conducted by KID smART, a nonprofit arts education organization based in New Orleans.

The following parishes responded to the request to identify the parish that includes the greatest number of schools in your district:

Assumption	Jefferson Davis	St. Bernard
Avoyelles	Jefferson	St. Charles
Beauregard	Lafayette	St. Helena
Bossier	Lafourche	St. John the Baptist
Caddo	LaSalle	St. Martin
Calcasieu	Lincoln	St. Mary
Caldwell	Livingston	St. Tammany
Catahoula	Madison	Tangipahoa
Concordia	Morehouse	Terrebonne
Desoto	Orleans	Vermilion
East Baton Rouge	Ouachita	Vernon
Evangeline	Plaquemines	Washington
Grant	Pointe Coupee	Webster
Iberia	Red River	West Baton Rouge
Jackson	Richland	Winn

3. For statistical purposes only, please estimate the composition of the student population in your district. (N=62)

Answer Options	Percentage
Caucasian	51.60%
African American	44.35%
Asian/Asian American	1.67%
Native American	0.75%
Hispanic/Latino	2.22%
Mixed Race/Multi-racial	0.39%
Other	0.59%

4. What percentage of your students currently receive free lunch? (N=67)

66.22%

5. Please indicate the number of schools at each academic level in your district. (N=75)

Number of Schools in District	High School	Middle School	Elementary School	Alternative School
0	0%	4.1% (3)	0%	6.3%
1	16.0%	21.9% (16)	2.7%	62.5%
2	10.7%	12.3% (9)	2.7%	20.3%
3	16.0%	9.6% (7)	8.1%	4.7%
4	14.7%	12.3% (9)	9.5%	1.6%
5	12.0%	4.1% (3)	21.6%	1.6%
6	12.0%	6.8% (5)	8.1%	0%
7	5.3%	6.8% (5)	0%	0%
8	1.3%	2.7% (2)	1.4%	1.6%
9	0%	0.0% (0)	2.7%	0%
10	0%	1.4% (1)	5.4%	1.6%
More than 10	11.3%	18%	37.8%	0%

6. What is the District's annual operating budget for 2008-2009? (N=49)

Answer Options	Response Percent
Less than \$5,000,000	4.1%
\$5,000,001 - \$7,500,000	0.0%
\$7,500,001 - \$10,000,000	6.1%
\$10,000,001 - \$15,000,000	0.0%

\$15,000,001 - \$25,000,000	8.2%
\$25,000,001 - \$50,000,000	24.5%
\$50,000,001 - \$100,000,000	18.4%
\$100,000,001 - \$150,000,000	6.1%
\$150,000,001 - \$200,000,000	12.2%
\$200,000,001 - \$350,000,000	6.1%
\$350,000,001 - \$500,000,000	8.2%
Over 500,000,000	6.1%

7. What is the District's projected annual operating budget for 2009-2010? (N=48)

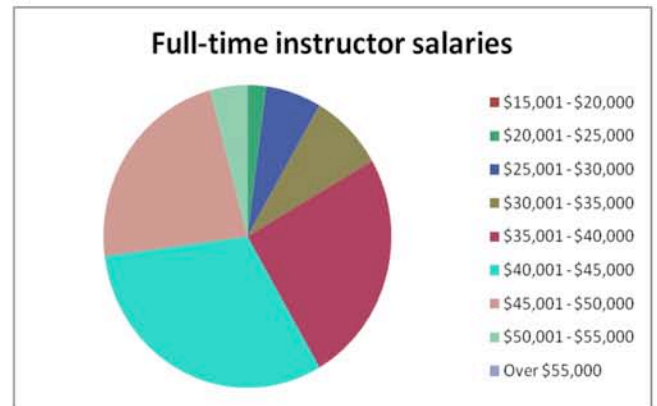
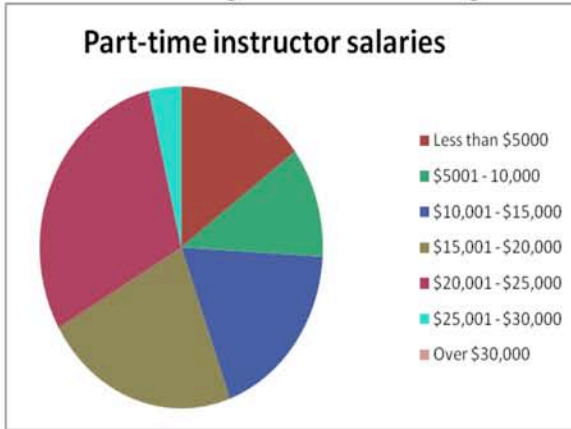
Answer Options	Response Percent
Less than \$5,000,000	4.2%
\$5,000,001 - \$7,500,000	0.0%
\$7,500,001 - \$10,000,000	0.0%
\$10,000,001 - \$15,000,000	4.2%
\$15,000,001 - \$25,000,000	10.4%
\$25,000,001 - \$50,000,000	22.9%
\$50,000,001 - \$100,000,000	18.8%
\$100,000,001 - \$150,000,000	6.3%
\$150,000,001 - \$200,000,000	12.5%
\$200,000,001 - \$350,000,000	6.3%
\$350,000,001 - \$500,000,000	8.3%
Over 500,000,000	6.3%

8. What is your best estimate of cost-per-child expenses in your district? (N=38)

Answer Options	Response Average
High school	\$9500.70

Middle School	\$9608.28
Elementary School	\$9603.95
Alternative School	\$6417.10

9. What is your best estimate of the average salary range for part-time and full-time instructors with the following educational background? (N=49)



10. What is the average salary range of FULL-TIME visual and performing arts instructors in your district? (N=45)

Answer Options	Response Percent
Less than \$15,000	2.2%
\$15,001 - \$20,000	0.0%
\$20,001 - \$25,000	0.0%
\$25,001 - \$30,000	4.4%
\$30,001 - \$35,000	6.7%
\$35,001 - \$40,000	8.9%
\$40,001 - \$45,000	35.6%
\$45,001 - \$50,000	26.7%
\$50,001 - \$55,000	8.9%
Over \$55,000	6.7%

11. What is the average salary range of PART-TIME visual and performing arts instructors in your district? (N=38)

Answer Options	Response Percent
Less than \$5,000	10.5%
\$5,001 - \$10,000	2.6%
\$10,001 - \$15,000	10.5%
\$15,001 - \$20,000	10.5%
\$20,001 - \$25,000	10.5%
\$25,001 - \$30,000	7.9%
\$30,001 - \$35,000	2.6%
\$35,001 - \$40,000	0.0%
Over \$40,000	2.6%
N/A (no part time arts instructors)	42.1%

12. Does your district receive funding from any source other than state or federal allocations? (N=42)

Answer Options	Response Percent
Corporate Gifts	40.5%
Public or Private/Family Foundations	33.3%
Individual Donors	33.3%
Parent Associations	31.0%
Alumni	16.7%
Grants	88.1%
Teacher contributions	16.7%
Fund-raising events	52.4%

13. How many weeks are there in your academic year? (N=52)

Hours	Percent
18*	1.90%
34	1.90%
35	3.80%
36	82.60%
37	1.90%
38	3.80%
39	1.90%
40	1.90%

**18 hours is clearly an "outlier" and is more likely a reflection of the number of weeks in each semester – close to the more common response of 36 weeks per academic year.*

14. On average, how many minutes long is a typical class period? (N=51)

Answer Options	Response Percent
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Less than 45 minutes	2.0%
45-54 minutes	51.0%
55-89 minutes	39.2%
90 minutes or more	7.80%

15. On average, how many minutes long is a typical VISUAL OR PERFORMING ARTS class period? (N=50)

Answer Options	Response Percent
Less than 45 minutes	12.0%
45-54 minutes	60.0%
55-89 minutes	16.0%
90 minutes or more	12.0%

16. How many HOURS PER WEEK are devoted to the instruction of core curriculum subjects? (N=49)

Answer Options	Response Percent
15-20	44.40%
21-25	32.60%
26-30	22.40%
31-36	20.30%

17. Given the demands of the core curriculum, what is the maximum number of hours per week that students can devote to the study of visual and performing arts during the academic day? (N=47)

Answer Options	Response Percent
Less than 1 hour	23.4%
1 hour	14.9%
2 hours	6.4%
3 hours	14.9%
4 or more hours	40.4%

18. Please rate the district-wide understanding of the State Standards for what students should know and be able to do in the arts. (N=50)

Understanding	Percentage
Excellent	16%
Good	32%

Fair	28%
Poor	18%
No Understanding	6%

19. Is instruction of courses offered in the visual and performing arts considered as part of the core curriculum or as extracurricular.? (N=51)

Answer Options	Response Percent
Core curriculum	21.6%
Extracurricular activity	23.5%
Both core curriculum and extracurricular activity	54.9%

20. Is inter-disciplinary learning encouraged? (N=50)

Answer Options	Response Percent
Yes	88.0%
No	12.0%

21. At present, how many schools in your district offer instruction in the following VISUAL ARTS courses to students? (Unselected boxes were counted as a zero.) (N=50)

High Schools	General Art	Art History	Digital Art	Studio Art (AP)
0	14.0%	68.8%	51.4%	65.6%
1	20.0%	9.4%	17.1%	9.4%
2	16.0%	3.1%	22.9%	6.3%
3	10.0%	6.3%	2.9%	3.1%
4 or more	40%	12.4%	5.7%	15.6%

Middle General Art Art History Digital Art Studio Art

Schools	(AP)			
0	20.9%	95.8%	92.0%	88.5%
1	18.6%	0%	4%	0%
2	18.6%	4.2%	4.0%	3.8%
3	9.3%	0%	0%	0%
4 or more	32.6%	0%	0%	7.7%

Elementary Schools	General Art	Art History	Digital Art	Studio Art (AP)
0	26.2%	100.0%	92.3%	92.3%
1	2.4%	0%	3.8%	0%
2	14.3%	0%	3.8%	3.8%
3	4.8%	0%	0%	0%
4 or more	52.3%	0%	0%	3.8%

Alternative Schools	General Art	Art History	Digital Art	Studio Art (AP)
0	65.6%	100%	100%	96%
1	15.6%	0%	0%	0%
2	15.6%	0%	0%	0%
3	0%	0%	0%	0%
4 or more	3.1	0%	0%	4%

22. At present, how many schools in your district offer instruction in the following DANCE courses to students? (Unselected boxes were counted as a zero answer - meaning no schools offer the course). (N=46)

High School			Middle School		
	General Dance	Dance Team		General Dance	Dance Team
0	75.7%	18.6%	0	90%	38.9%
1	16.2%	20.9%	1	3.3%	13.9%
2	5.4%	14%	2	6.7%	8.3%
3	0%	9.3%	3	0%	5.6%
4 or more	2.7%	37.2%	4 or more	0%	33.3%

Elementary School			Alternative School		
	General Dance	Dance Team		General Dance	Dance Team
0	73.5%	71%	0	100%	92%
1	14.7%	9.7%	1	0%	4%
2	8.8%	12.9%	2	0%	0%
3	0%	3.2%	3	0%	0%
4 or more	3%	3.2%	4 or more	0%	4%

23. At present, how many schools in your district offer instruction in the following THEATER courses to students? (Unselected boxes were counted as a zero answer - meaning no schools offer the course). (N=41)

High School	General Theater	Stage Acting	Technical Theater
0	39%	52.8%	67.6%
1	12.2%	8.3%	14.7%
2	19.5%	22.2%	8.8%

3	7.3%	2.8%	2.9%
4 or more	22%	13.9%	6%

Elementary School General Theater Stage Acting Technical Theater

0	88.9%	92.3%	95.8%
1	7.4%	3.8%	4.2%
2	3.7%	0%	0%
3	0%	0%	0%
4 or more	0%	3.8%	0%

Alternative School General Theater Stage Acting Technical Theater

0	100%	100%	100%
1	0%	0%	0%
2	0%	0%	0%
3	0%	0%	0%
4 or more	0%	0%	0%

24. At present, how many schools in your district offer instruction in the following MUSIC courses to students? (Unselected boxes were counted as a zero.) (N=48)

High School	0	1	2	3	4 or more
General Music	34.3%	11.4%	11.4%	5.7%	37.2%
Chorus/Choir	24.4%	24.4%	12.2%	4.9%	34.1%

Band	4.3%	30.4%	8.7%	8.7%	47.9%
Orchestra	67.9%	3.6%	0%	7.1%	21.4%
Music Theory/Comp/Songwriting	76.0%	12.0%	4%	4.0%	4%
Music Technology	88.0%	4.0%	0%	4.0%	4%
Music History	72.4%	13.8%	0%	0%	13.8%
Middle School	0	1	2	3	4 or more
General Music	54.8%	3.2%	0%	3.2%	38.8%
Chorus/Choir	25.7%	25.7%	8.6%	11.4%	28.6%
Band	11.9%	19.0%	7.1%	9.5%	52.5%
Orchestra	81.8%	4.5%	0%	0%	13.7%
Music Theory/Comp/Songwriting	95.5%	0%	0%	0%	4.5%
Music Technology	100.0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Music History	100.0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Elementary School	0	1	2	3	4 or more
General Music	44.4%	5.6%	2.8%	2.8%	44.4%

Chorus/Choir	56.7%	6.7%	0%	10%	26.6%
Band	46.9%	12.5%	3.1%	0%	37.5%
Orchestra	87.0%	0%	0%	4.3%	8.7%
Music Theory/Comp/Songwriting	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Music Technology	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Music History	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Alternative School 0 1 2 3 4 or more

General Music	95.2%	4.8%	0%	0%	0%
Chorus/Choir	95.5%	4.5%	0%	0%	0%
Band	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Orchestra	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Music Theory/Comp/Songwriting	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Music Technology	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Music History	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%

25. In your district, are there advanced placement programs in the arts? (N=44)

Answer Options	Yes	No
Art	29.5% (13)	70.5% (31)
Music	12.2% (5)	87.8% (36)

Theater	14.6% (6)	85.4% (35)
Dance	2.5% (1)	97.5% (39)

26. How many schools offer opportunities for students to receive instruction in visual and performing arts courses as extracurricular/after-school activities? Please provide answers for each academic level and discipline. (N=36)

High Schools

	Art	Music	Dance	Theater
0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	55.6%	28.0%	36.8%	53.8%
2	22.2%	20.0%	26.3%	30.8%
3	0%	8.0%	10.5%	7.7%
4 or more	22.2%	44%	26.4%	7.7%

Middle Schools

	Art	Music	Dance	Theater
0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	66.7%	28.6%	30.8%	83.3%
2	11.1%	23.8%	30.8%	16.7
3	0%	9.5%	7.7%	0%
4 or more	22.2%	38.1%	30.7%	0%

Elementary Schools

	Art	Music	Dance	Theater
0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	40.0%	33.3%	33.3%	40.0%
2	10.0%	16.7%	22.2%	0.0%
3	20.0%	0.0%	11.1%	20.0%

4 or more	30%	50%	33.4%	40%
Alternative Schools	Art	Music	Dance	Theater
0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1	66.7%	100%	100%	100%
2	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
3	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
4 or more	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

27. Are there schools that offer SUMMER ENRICHMENT programs in the arts? (N=42)

	High School	Middle School	Elementary School	Alternative School
All schools	10.0%	7.3%	9.8%	2.9%
More than 50% of the schools	0%	2.4%	2.4%	0%
50% of the schools	5%	4.9%	2.4%	0%
Less than 50% of the schools	5%	4.9%	4.9%	0%
Less than 25% of the schools	2.5%	7.3%	7.3%	0%
No schools	77.5%	73.2%	73.2%	97.1%

28. If you answered "yes" to the question above, are summer enrichment programs encouraged to incorporate the State Standards for what students should know and be able to do in the arts? (If you answered "no," please choose "N/A")(N=36)

Answer Options	Response Percent
Yes	27.8%

No	8.3%
N/A	63.9%

29. Does your district have an Arts Specialist Coordinator? (N=48)

Answer Options	Response Percent
Yes, Full-time Arts Specialist Coordinator	2.1%
Yes, Full-time Arts Specialist Coordinator with additional responsibilities.	20.8%
Yes, Part-time Arts Specialist Coordinator.	4.2%
Yes, Part-time Arts Specialist Coordinator with additional responsibilities.	6.3%
No Arts Specialist Coordinator at this time.	66.7%

30. How many arts specialists do you employ to teach visual and/or performing arts courses FULL TIME at each level in your district? (N=43)

Art	High School	Middle School	Elementary School	Alternative School
0	13.2%	33.3%	34.4%	85.7%
1	28.9%	20.0%	18.8%	9.5%
2	15.8%	6.7%	9.4%	0.0%
3	7.9%	10.0%	3.1%	0.0%
4 or more	34.2%	30%	65.7%	4.8%

Music	High School	Middle School	Elementary School	Alternative School
0	11.1%	25.8%	29.0%	90.5%
1	25.0%	9.7%	12.9%	9.5%
2	8.3%	12.9%	9.7%	0%
3	13.9%	9.5%	3.2%	0%
4 or more	41.7	42.1%	54.8%	0%

Dance	High School	Middle School	Elementary School	Alternative School
0	70.8%	86.4%	83.3%	100.0%
1	20.8%	0.0%	12.5%	0%
2	0.0%	13.6%	4.2%	0%
3	4.2%	0%	0%	0%
4 or more	4.2%	0%	0%	0%

Theater	High School	Middle School	Elementary School	Alternative School
0	48.1%	79.2%	80.0%	100%
1	11.1%	0.0%	8%	0%
2	7.4%	8.3%	4%	0%
3	7.4%	8.3%	4%	0%
4 or more	26%	4.2%	4%	0%

31. How many arts specialists do you employ to teach visual and/or performing arts courses PART TIME at each level in your district? (This includes full-time teachers who have dual responsibilities of teaching core curriculum and visual or performing arts classes.) (N=30)

Art	High School	Middle School	Elementary School	Alternative School
0	73.9%	73.9%	73.9%	100%
1	13.0%	17.4%	13.0%	0%
2	0%	0.0%	0.0%	0%
3	0%	4.3%	4.3%	0%
4 or more	13.1%	4.4%	8.8%	0%

Music	High School	Middle School	Elementary School	Alternative School
0	73.9%	72.7%	68.2%	100.0%
1	13.0%	18.2%	18.2%	0%
2	4.3%	0%	4.5%	0%
3	0%	0%	0%	0%
4 or more	8.8%	9.1%	9.1%	0%

Dance	High School	Middle School	Elementary School	Alternative School
0	80.0%	89.5%	81.0%	100.0%
1	10.0%	5.3%	9.5%	0%
2	0.0%	0%	4.8%	0%
3	10.0%	0%	4.8%	0%
4 or more	0.0%	5.3%	0%	0%

Theater	High School	Middle School	Elementary School	Alternative School
0	90.0%	89.5%	100.0%	94.7%
1	5%	10.5%	0%	5.3%
2	0%	0%	0%	0%
3	5%	0%	0%	0%
4 or more	0%	0%	0%	0%

32. How many FULL-TIME instructors of core curriculum subjects are also teaching visual and/or performing arts courses at each level in your district? (23)

Art	High School	Middle School	Elementary School	Alternative School
0	57.1%	80.0%	62.5%	100.0%
1	19.0%	6.7%	0%	0%
2	4.8%	6.7%	0%	0%
3	9.5%	0%	0%	0%
4 or more	9.6%	6.6%	37.5%	0%

Music	High School	Middle School	Elementary School	Alternative School
0	73.7%	75.0%	73.3%	100.0%
1	15.8%	12.5%	0%	0%
2	0%	0%	0%	0%
3	0%	6.3%	6.7%	0%
4 or more	10.5%	6.2%	20%	0%

Dance	High School	Middle School	Elementary School	Alternative School
0	94.4%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
1	5.6%	0%	0%	0%
2	0%	0%	0%	0%
3	0%	0%	0%	0%
4 or more	0%	0%	0%	0%

Theater	High School	Middle School	Elementary School	Alternative School
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0	70.6%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
1	23.5%	0%	0%	0%
2	0%	0%	0%	0%
3	0%	0%	0%	0%
4 or more	5.9%	0%	0%	0%

33. Does your district use volunteers or uncertified instructors to teach visual and performing arts courses? (N=43)

Answer Options	Response Percent
Yes	16.3%
No	83.7%

34. Does the District REQUIRE professional development training of its performing and visual arts specialists? (N=43)

Answer Options	Response Percent
Yes	58.1%
No	41.9%

35. Does the district PROVIDE professional development opportunities for art specialists in the visual and performing arts? (N=43)

Answer Options	Response Percent
Yes	48.8%
No	51.2%

36. Do teachers in your district currently have access to resources and training opportunities that would help them to incorporate the visual and performing arts into core curriculum subjects? (N=43)

Answer Options	Response Percent
Yes	48.8%
No	51.2%

37. Please indicate the number of hours required for professional development training in the arts each academic year. If your answer to the previous question was "no," please choose "0." (N=43)

Answer Options	Response Percent
0	67.4%
1-5	14.0%

6-10	7.0%
11-15	9.3%
16-20	0.0%
21-25	0.0%
26	2.3%

38. If the district requires professional development for its arts specialists, what opportunities are available to teachers? Please check all that apply. (N=39)

Answer Options	Response Percent
Faculty In-service days	64.1%
Regional or national conferences	35.9%
Workshops	53.8%
Seminars	25.6%
CLU or other professional certification	48.7%
We do not require professional development for instructors.	25.6%

39. Are instructors of core curriculum subjects currently incorporating aspects of the visual and performing arts in their classroom instruction? (N=46)

Answer Options	Response Percent
Yes	39.1%
No	26.1%
Unsure	34.8%

40. How many schools in your district incorporate the visual and performing arts as part of the core curriculum? (Please select the best answer.) (N=41)

Answer Options	Response Percent
All	9.8%
More than half	12.2%
About half	7.3%
Less than half	26.8%
None	43.9%

41. Please check UP TO FOUR (4) of the factors below that might currently impact your district's ability to integrate the visual and performing arts in core curriculum instruction. (N=46)

Answer Options	Response Percent
Lack of awareness	26.1%
Access to training	26.1%
Certification	41.3%
Funding	80.4%
Transportation	8.7%
Parent support	4.3%
Principal support	17.4%

Space/Facilities	47.8%
Access to materials and supplies	37.0%
Qualified teachers	63.0%
Other (please comment)	17.4%

42. Does your district have an approved list or directory of visual and performing artists available to provide programming and services to area schools? (N=44)

Answer Options	Response Percent
Yes	25.0%
No	75.0%

43. If so, what answer best describes the primary information source for these service providers? If you answered "no" to the previous question, please choose "We do not have a directory" as your response. (N=39)

Answer Options	Response Percent
Arts Council	23.1%
Parent association referrals	2.6%
Compiled by District Arts Specialist Coordinator	20.5%
Online/Internet resources	10.3%
Artists contacted District directly	17.9%
We do not have a directory	66.7%

44. Does the district actively collaborate with area cultural institutions? (N=44)

Answer Options	Response Percent
Yes	50.0%
No	50.0%

45. Does the District offer programs or awards that spotlight the accomplishments of students in the visual and performing arts? If so, please describe. (N=30)

Respondents mentioned contests, ceremonies, public performances, spotlights in district publications and media, recognition at school board meetings, and exhibition programs among others.

46. Are parents and parent organizations active in curriculum decisions at the district level? (N=43)

Answer Options	Response Percent
Yes	58.1%
No	41.9%

47. How supportive do you feel the parents in your district would be of additional efforts to incorporate the arts in the classroom? (N=43)

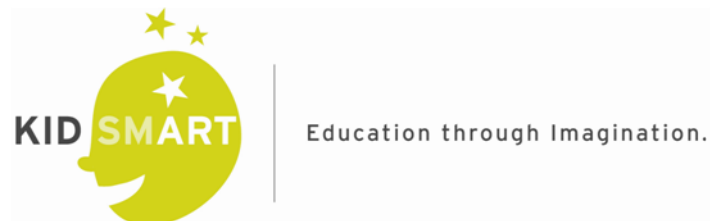
	Enthusiastic	Somewhat positive	Indifferent	Somewhat negative	Very

					resistant
Parent response	34.9% (15)	51.2% (22)	9.3% (4)	0.0% (0)	4.7% (2)

48. How would the teachers and principals in your district respond to having the opportunity for additional training and resources to assist them in incorporating the visual and performing arts during active class time? (Assume no cost to participants.) Please select one for each row. (N=44)

	Enthusiastic	Somewhat positive	Indifferent	Somewhat negative	Very resistant
Teacher Response	23.3% (10)	58.1% (25)	9.3% (4)	4.7% (2)	4.7% (2)
Principal Response	15.4% (6)	66.7% (26)	5.1% (2)	5.1% (2)	7.7% (3)

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