

Arts Education & Access Fund Arts Oversight Committee 2015 Report To Council

April 29, 2015





Revenue Division

Tax Year 2013 Results

Revenue Division: Collections

City of Portland Arts Education & Access Fund

As of March 31, 2015

Dollars in Thousands

	Tax Year 2012	Tax Year 2013
Net Tax Collections	\$ 8,918	\$ 8,620
Interest Earnings	22	30
Administration Costs	(966)	(898)
School Disbursements	(6,710)	(6,745)
RACC Disbursements	(1,225)	(880)
Contingency	-	(60)
Fund Balance	\$ 39	\$ 68

City expenditures and school district disbursements are closed for both these years. Further revenue collected will accrue to RACC.

Revenue Division: Distribution to Schools



Public Schools

Tax Tear 2013 Results

A Uniform Set of Metrics

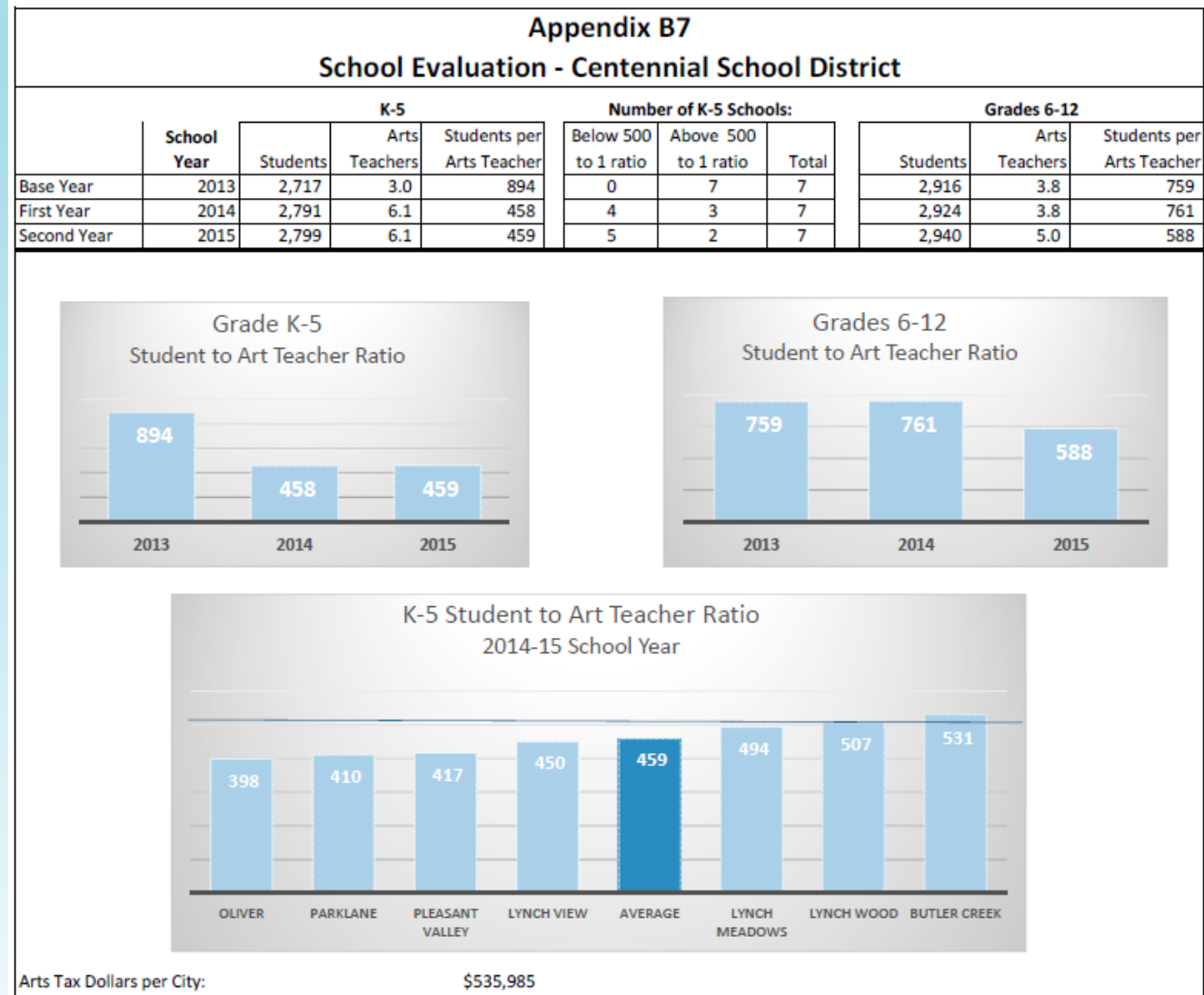
For School Year 2013-14
 XXXX School District AOC Metrics: Elementary Schools

General Fund Dollars	
Total Arts Fund Dollars*	
Average Teacher Salary*	

*Provided by Revenue Bureau

Grade Range	Name of School	FTE Art Teachers						FTE Total Teachers	Students		Funds	
		Visual art	Dance	Drama	Music	Total Arts	Total K-5 Arts Attributable, if different		Total School Population	K-5 student population, if different	Total General Fund	Total Arts Fund
EX: K-5	Smith Elementary	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.5	na	125.5	300	na	\$14,000,000	\$125,000
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Reviewer's Notes (Nancy Helmsworth)

Centennial SD has done a good job using their arts tax fund to maintain their student access to arts (music) education. They are consistent from year 1 to year 2. With a below 1:500 ratio of teacher to students in both years.

The *average teacher salary* decreased by \$1,702.59, so the district received \$7,981.18 less AEAF dollars in year 2, even though they needed to and did hire art teachers for the same number of K-5 students as the previous year.

District hired 1 FTE for each of its K-6 schools. The arts tax paid for .8 FTE/school - to serve the K-5 students. Centennial district paid the remaining .2FTE x 7 schools= 1.4FTE=\$133,234.92. to educate 449x 6th grade students.

In Year 2, Centennial SD has improved access to music education in the middle school. In 2013-14 the middle school had a ratio of 1:837 and in 2014-15 the ratio was improved to 1:641. That investment continues the music instruction funded by the AEAF in the elementary schools.

Centennial High School added 1FTE of drama- a new elective for 2014-15, adding variety. They decreased the music position -.2FTE.

Again noted- Centennial Park School offers no arts instruction for their 7th-12th grade students.

Recommendations:

Consider offering an Art elective to your students in Centennial Park School. This reviewer knows it is an alternative school supporting unconventional students. An Arts option may be a valuable way for students to connect or re-engage in school.

Centennial High School has 1 FTE visual arts teacher for 1,837 students. If additional monies become available hiring an additional visual arts teacher might be considered. (For instance another metropolitan high school has an enrollment of 1,200 students with 2FTE drama, 2+FTE Visual arts and 2FTE music teachers).

School District Staffing Results



Regional Arts & Culture Council

Tax Year 2013 Results

Distributions to RACC

AEAF Distributions to RACC								
January, 2014 - April, 2015								
Date Rcvd.	Amount Rcvd.	RACC's FY13-14			RACC's FY14-15			Total Allocation
		Allocated to FY13-14 GOS:	Allocated to FY13-14 Access:	Allocated to FY13-14 Arts Education:	Allocated to FY14-15 GOS:	Allocated to FY14-15 Access:	Allocated to FY14-15 Arts Education:	
Tax Year 2012 Disbursements:								
1/21/14	200,000	150,072	26,000	23,928	-	-	-	200,000
4/24/14	125,000	-	-	-	125,000	-	-	125,000
6/11/14	100,000	-	-	-	100,000	-	-	100,000
7/24/14	350,000	-	-	-	228,399	19,000	102,601	350,000
8/18/14	125,000	-	-	-	125,000	-	-	125,000
9/22/14	200,000	-	-	-	190,000	10,000	-	200,000
1/8/15	40,000	-	-	-	38,000	2,000	-	40,000
3/11/15	85,000	-	-	-	80,750	4,250	-	85,000
TOTAL	1,225,000	150,072	26,000	23,928	887,149	35,250	102,601	1,225,000
Tax Year 2013 Disbursements:								
1/8/15	500,000	-	-	-	475,000	25,000	-	500,000
3/11/15	380,000	-	-	-	361,000	19,000	-	380,000
TOTAL	880,000	-	-	-	836,000	44,000	-	880,000
Grand Total	2,105,000	150,072	26,000	23,928	#####	79,250	102,601	2,105,000

RACC General Operating Support

Grants Awarded 7/1/14 - 3/31/15				
General Operating Support Awarded - Jan 2015	AEAF Awarded	City Special Funds Awarded	Total Received	Access Grants
Blue Sky Gallery	2,030	-	2,030	Expanding Cultural Access Grants will be awarded in May 2015
Friends of Chamber Music	2,966	5,000	7,966	
Literary Arts, Inc.	18,553	5,000	23,553	
Miracle Theatre Group	5,127	-	5,127	
Oregon Ballet Theatre	70,089	50,000	120,089	
Oregon Symphony Association	298,300	100,000	398,300	
Pendulum Aerial Arts	1,468	-	1,468	
PHAME Academy	3,327	-	3,327	
Playwrite, Inc.	1,000	-	1,000	
Portland Art Museum/Northwest Film Ce:	268,538	200,000	468,538	
Portland Center Stage	107,486	100,000	207,486	
Portland Opera	143,506	50,000	193,506	
Portland Youth Philharmonic	3,061	5,000	8,061	
The Portland Ballet	10,994	5,000	15,994	
The Third Angle New Music Ensemble	1,000	-	1,000	
White Bird	9,181	5,000	14,181	
Total	946,626	525,000	1,471,626	

RACC Expanding Cultural Access Grants

The following grants were awarded using TY 2012 funds*:

- Cascade AIDS Project, \$2,000
- Center for Intercultural Organizing, \$3,000
- Fusionarte, \$1,495
- Know Your City, \$3,500
- Latino Network, \$2,750
- NAYA Family Center, \$3,800
- PassinArt: Theatre Company/Juneteenth, \$2,000
- ROSE Community Development, \$2,350
- Visegrad Group PDX, \$1,000
- Zenger Farm/Lents Internat'l Farmers Market, \$3,800

*Grants for TY 2013 will be awarded Spring 2015.



Arts Oversight Committee

Recommendations

AOC 2014 Recommendations: Status Update

1. City: positive messaging about the tax.
Some improvement; could see more.
2. Communicate tax requirements to the public, better outreach.
Excellent progress; materials in 10 languages.
3. Expedite collections process.
Good progress; tax now in tax prep software.
4. Review the 5% cap – realistic?
This remains a question.
5. Revenue should provide 3-year projections & expenses.
Not viable in early stages; consider for future years.
6. Clarify school IGAs.
IGAs were amended to clarify requirements.
7. AOC to require school districts to submit consistent/timely data.
Schools are complying with data requests.
8. Review funding for schools with excellent teacher/student ratios.
No longer a concern.

AOC 2015 Recommendations

1. Provide definition of “certified arts teacher.”
2. Provide arts tax or other funding for Southwest and Ivy Charter Schools.
3. School districts & RACC to collaborate on model program that fits national standards and addresses concern about FTE allocations.
4. AOC will request hours of instruction in each arts discipline next year.
5. Revenue should provide projections when possible.
6. City should continue to allocate General Fund dollars to RACC.
7. AOC work with RACC to track how different tax year dollars are spent.



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