

Plummer Auditorium Report

Presentation for the Board of Trustees

September 6, 2016



Purpose:

To present the status of the District's plan to maintain support of the Performing Arts Programs and Plummer Auditorium.

District Support of the Performing Arts

- Long-standing District financial support of the outstanding Performing Arts Programs and Plummer Auditorium
- \$30 million of Measure I Bond funds for Performing Arts
- New La Habra High School Performing Arts Center
- Modernization of school sites' theaters-seating, lighting, sound, and structure
- Plummer Auditorium will remain professionally staffed and open for performances
- Newly created job classification-Performing Arts Lead
- New Performing Arts Assistant Lead job classification under discussion
- Enhanced flexibility and assignment of staff

Financial Challenge

- Significant reduction in usage of Plummer Auditorium
- Need for upgrades in Plummer Auditorium restrict outside usage
- Contemporary theater patrons expect seating, lobby, restroom, and equipment enhancements
- Plummer Auditorium revenues cannot sustain five full-time staff members
- 2015/16 = **-\$140,000**
- Greater flexibility and assignment of staff necessary (new classifications)
- Even with financial challenges facing Plummer Auditorium, the FJUHSD remains committed to maintaining support of the sites' Performing Arts Programs, facilities, and Plummer Auditorium

Maintaining Support of the Performing Arts

- Newly created Performing Arts Lead
- Collaboration with CSEA on additional classification (Assistant Lead)
- Professionally trained staff will remain to support the Performing Arts and Plummer Auditorium
- District and outside groups will have the staff needed to maintain performances of the highest quality
- Temporary staff may be utilized, as in past, as needed
- District will continue to explore additional funding sources-grants, recruitment of additional outside groups, crowdfunding, etc.
- Enhanced student training-Theater Production, ROP, and Plummer staff

Moving Forward

- District maintains commitment to support the Performing Arts Programs, facilities, and Plummer Auditorium
- Continue to examine and assess the support of the Performing Arts Programs, facilities, and staffing allocations
- Continue to explore potential revenue enhancing opportunities-on going
- Modify support as necessary to ensure that the Arts, its facilities, and its staffing remain a District priority and ensure continued excellence within the Performing Arts Programs