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Arts, Music, and Professional Development Discretionary Block Grant Community Input Meeting

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Dear School Staff and Community Members,

You are cordially invited to a meeting on **Thursday, December 7 at 5:30 PM** in room 4 at the Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District Office to provide input on how funds received through the Arts, Music, and Professional Development Discretionary Block Grant should be spent. The Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District received \$246,515 of one-time funds through this 2022 grant. If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, written comments may be submitted to Sean Snider at ssnider@spjUSD.org any time prior to the meeting.

Funds may be used for five purposes briefly summarized by the California Department of Education as: (1) obtaining standards-aligned professional development and instructional materials for specified subject areas; (2) obtaining professional development and instructional materials for improving school climate; (3) developing diverse, culturally relevant and multilingual school library book collections; (4) operational costs, including retirement and health care cost increases; and (5) COVID-19-related costs necessary to keep pupils and staff safe and schools open for in-person instruction. The funds are available to be spent through the end of the 2025–26 fiscal year. The CDE also clarifies that districts “are encouraged, but not required” to “proportionally use” their allocation for the five purposes enumerated above.

I look forward to engaging you in a conversation about how to best use these funds to benefit the students and staff of the Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District.

Sincerely,

Sean Snider, Superintendent