SCHOOL LIBRARIES

(BSEP Measure A, Resource 0860)

OVERVIEW for FY 2015-16

Purpose

Provide student access to quality school libraries, which shall be maintained by providing library staff to operate the District's K-12 school and other specialized libraries, and by allocating revenues for books, materials, services and equipment for the school libraries.¹

Fund Balance Beginning: \$491,881 RESOURCE SUMMARY

Ending: \$312,723

In FY 2015-16, actual revenue and expense for this Resource was very close to the budget proposed in the plan. Revenue in FY 2015/16 was slightly higher than budgeted due to additional tax revenue in the current and prior year and a distribution from the fund balance to each of the Resources.

Expenses included the increase in FTE for Elementary librarians from .5 to 1.6 as outlined in the plan. In addition, the Classification and Compensation Study was implemented which moved some Library Media Specialists to new salary schedules in 2015-16 and all Elementary Library

The BEARS Summer School Library program continued in the summer of 2016, with a Library Media Specialist at both BEARS/EDC summer school sites (this past year at BAM and Thousand Oaks) for fifteen hours per week at each site, a total of 30 hours per week for five weeks. This program supports the focus on literacy, helping mitigate against the common "summer slide."

Library Staff

During the 2015-16 school year, we had some delightful developments in our library staffing, most notably the final implementation of the Classification and Compensation Study which resulted in our elementary site library staff being recognized as Library Media Specialists. Woohoo! New staff included Berkeley High welcoming Sarah Rosenkrantz as one of their two full time Teacher Librarians, as the two current Teacher Librarians each went on a 50% Reduced Work Load schedule. Cragmont was blessed with J Stewart as the new Library Media Specialist,