

Delta Middle School

LANDS Trust

2020-2021

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Review of the 2019-2020 LAND Trust Plan

The 2019-2020 LAND Trust Plan for Delta Middle School focused on the areas designated in our school improvement plan, as well as other areas where pressing needs had been identified by individual departments within the school.

Trust Lands paid for the following:

- Professional Development for teachers throughout the year to meet in additional PLC settings within the school.
- Professional Development: Teacher conferences/trainings outside the district.
- Smartboards for classrooms.
- IXL Math/ Language Arts/Science
- A stipend for technology maintenance.
- Science equipment for labs.
- Language Arts supplies: reading books and materials were purchased for leveled reading groups.

Trust Lands Proposal 2020-2021

1. Smart boards/Audio enhancement sound system, STEM Equipment

Rationale: Purchase Smart TV/Smart boards for classrooms/audio system upgrades to classrooms. Using science, technology, math and engineering learning activities students will develop and strengthen higher-level problem-solving skills.

Total: \$30000

2. IXL

Rationale: IXL is a comprehensive on-line practice site for Language Arts, Math and Science. IXL is used as a supplemental tool to help reteach concepts and provide extra practice to strengthen and improve student's academic skills.

Total: \$7,000

3. Professional Development

Rationale: Teachers will meet monthly within our school to collaborate and receive professional development. Professional development will also include teacher development outside of school including training to build and promote classroom instruction and student learning outcomes as well as possible courses for content specific endorsements.

Total: \$31,000

4. Language Arts/Math/Science Supplies:

Rationale: Additional teaching supplies and resources will provide opportunities for better student engagement and student learning. Each classroom will provide weekly mini-lesson/activity focusing on understanding and interpreting informational text. This will improve student's comprehension, vocabulary and background knowledge skills. Text supplies may include: magazines, newspapers, journals, digital subscriptions.

Total: \$12,000

5. Technology Maintenance /Tutoring Stipend

Rationale: Maintenance of our smartboards /computers is a critical component to high quality instruction. We have spent large amounts of money on technology to ensure our students have every opportunity to learn and understand necessary concepts. Countless hours are spent by several school employees within our school to help maintain equipment. By paying an employee a stipend, this ongoing burden will compensate a small amount of unpaid time and effort. Tutoring stipends will be paid for teachers who help students outside of contract hours.

Total: \$6,000

6. Additional items will be available depending on budgets.

Rationale: After conducting a needs assessment with our teachers and community council we established a list of educational priorities for our school to purchase and or provide with the remainder of our Trust Lands funding.

1. Supplemental reading, math and science material.
2. Professional development (conferences/trainings/teacher collaboration)
3. Purchase of additional supplies for our music programs and character education programs. (sheet music, instruments, character education curriculum)
4. Tutoring stipend for teachers who provide additional help to students after contract hours. Guidelines and time frames will be established as needs are identified throughout the year. (\$20.00 per hour)
5. Technology equipment. (ipads, replacement equipment for chrome labs, smartboards, audio systems etc...)
6. Reading Program Incentives Teachers would like to incentivize student reading by creating quarterly reading rubrics for students to accomplish. These rubrics will focus on student reading goals, instruction and student reading activities designed to improve reading abilities. When students have completed quarterly reading goals, students will earn the incentives. (Not to exceed \$2 per student)
7. Supplemental teaching resources (i.e. computer software, equipment, books, etc.)

Total estimated expenditures: \$ 81,000

