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An affiliate of
Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.

Mr. Richard Elias
Pima County Board of Supervisors
130 W. Congress Street 11th floor
Tucson, Arizona 85701

Dear Mr. Elias:

Located on Tucson's Southside Toltecalli HS is a small alternative high school under the auspices of Chicanos Por La Causa. Prior to 2010 it was labeled a Persistently Underperforming School by the ADE. For the past two years student performance has gradually improved thus erasing the underperforming label. In 2011 students increased their performance by 26% on the AIMS in reading.

The curriculum is aligned to the new common core standards and is Extremely rigorous.

The culture of the school is very positive. Students take pride in their work, the campus, and the community. One of the goals for the 2012/2013 academic school year is to move towards acquiring a grade of B or better as outlined by the accountability system of the ADE. In order to do so we believe that we need to introduce our students to the ARTS. We firmly believe that participation in visual and performing arts will greatly enhance our students ability to be successful in their academics.

During the 2012/2013 academic school year we are proposing to add Performing and Visual arts to the curriculum to satisfy a graduation requirement. Because we are a small school it is difficult to fund the program with our existing budgetary allocation. An art program will cost approximately \$15,000.00 for the academic year.

We desperately need your support. Attached is a proposal that outlines the specifics of the Performing Arts Program. With your support we hope to make these programs a reality.

We want to thank you for considering this request and any financial support is greatly appreciated.

I am available to answer any questions you may have. My contact information is (520) 807-7923.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Hines', is written over a large, stylized flourish that extends downwards and to the left.

Joseph Hines, Principal

Beginning Performing Arts

Course Description:

Students will learn the basic fundamentals of Dance, Music, and Theatre. Through videos, readings, concerts, and daily class participation, students will enhance their knowledge, skill, and technique.

1. Dance- Students will learn the interrelationships between dance and society. They will understand the meaning of expression through movement, emotions through dance.
2. Music- Students will be introduced to musical language through listening and comprehension. Music understanding is augmented through acoustics, melody, harmony, and a wide range of global music.
3. Theatre- An overview of the principles of drama. This portion draws on artistic exploration through performance. Introduction to the basic acting tools needed to develop technique, and improvisation. Use of artistic creativity is essential. We will touch on beginning performance skills for acting, including: beginning scene study, stage movement, and role analysis.
4. Final Exam- Combining all basic fundamentals studied. Students will select a work of art and express their individuality through Dance, Music, Theatre, or a combination. The work of arts may include and is not limited to Song, Poem, Movie Scene, Play Excerpt, Literature Excerpt, and Musical Scene.

Journalism

After School Program Description:

Our bi-monthly newspaper will consist of an 8 to 10 page magazine layout. The Toltecalli Magazine will include news articles relating to the Toltecalli family and the surrounding Tucson community. It will also include but will not be limited to Editorials, Entertainment, Horoscopes, Crossword Puzzles, Feature Stories, and Announcements (Principal's Column with Photograph).

Students will learn the fundamentals of a journalistic approach on writing and photography. Students will gain knowledge in design, layout, editing, marketing and computer skills. The Toltecalli Magazine may also be exported in to PDF style to place on School's website.

Essential tools for Program-

1. Basic 21.5" Apple iMac Desktop Computer for better resolution, organization, design and memory capacity.
2. iWork productivity software for design.
3. Microsoft Word.
4. SONY ALPHA 700 DSLR w/ Starter Lens. Ideal for students interested in Photography.