

Teacher's Vision Grant Summary

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Year of Implementation: 2021 - 2022

Project Title: Listen to the Music

First of all, I want to thank the Foundation for Public Schools in Edgefield County for their generosity in awarding this grant. Through the funding provided, I was able to purchase a variety of needed musical equipment that has taken our classroom to a new level. The funds have allowed me to purchase headphones for all of our pianos, tuners for our guitars, and instrument cables to connect our instruments to a classroom sound system.

My students have used this technology in a multitude of ways. For example, my students have used the headphones as a part of a project where they all get to choose their own songs on the piano and then work towards meeting their individual goals. If we did not have these headphones, the individual practice that a project like this requires would be a difficult task. With 24 students all attempting to play their own songs at the same time, without headphones, every student would constantly have to worry about distractions. Now that we have this equipment, this is no longer an issue. Students can practice on their own and stay focused because of their new headphones. The guitar tuners have helped in a similar way. Normally, the students would have to tune their guitars one at a time, since the tuners we had before would pick up on the sounds of the other instruments in the room. Now that we were able to purchase tuners that read the vibrations of the instrument itself, rather than the audible

sound, the whole class can tune at once. This has saved an abundance of class time and has helped the students immensely.

These examples only show a fraction of what this technology offers the students in my class. I am excited to continue to implement projects where the students can continue to utilize this technology in new ways. My students and I are grateful for the ability to use all that you have allowed us to purchase. Thank you again for your generosity and for all you do.