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Dear Oklahoma Arts Alliance Education Members,

Thank you so very much for providing a much needed to grant to help cover some of the costs to attend the annual Oklahoma Music Educators Association's Conference and In-Service. This conference is packed full of relevant presenters, speakers and programs that have enhanced my music program here at Taft Elementary . This year, I especially appreciated Aileen Miracle's session on Literature and Music. I will be using more literature now to enhance various aspects of teaching folk songs and see it's value as I work closely with the early elementary grades in fluency and rhythm of words. I also attended Gemma Arguelles session on Recorders in the Classroom. This was especially relevant and practical since I spend a large portion of my third quarter on playing the recorder with 3-5th grades. The resources she provided on assessments will be useful and will save me time in preparation.

The OkMEA Conference is also meaningful because I get to spend time learning from the wisdom of music teachers in my district. I can't help but think that the great rapport we have with one another stems from the fact that we spend time with each other at this conference. Ideas, suggestions and resources are batted around during lunch, breaks and over long dinners.

I am grateful for what OAAE has provided. Otherwise, the total cost of this trip would be on my shoulders.

Joyfully,

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