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Project Title: iPads for Music Making and Music Teaching

1. Please consider the original timeline and deliverable targets. How is your project progressing compared with the original estimates?

Funds took longer to process, but we received the iPads in time to get them to the students, and we seem on time with our targets.

2. How is spending progressing when compared with the original budget estimates?

Spending is on target. One aspect I did not anticipate was the funds for the CIT conference in May. I believe I might be able to have my conference fee covered by the Professional Development Center's CPD points.

3. Please provide feedback regarding your experience with the project execution. In particular, any issues or roadblocks you've encountered that may have been unexpected.

I did expect to the funding, and for the processing of funds, to take as long as it did. This created a stressful beginning of the school year. I would encourage other project leaders to not begin their projects until later in the Fall semester. My desire was to get the iPads to the students the first week of school, which didn't happen as planned, but I adjusted my plans to fit reality.

I also didn't realize that I should have rolled in the presentation at the CIT conference into my total funds requested. If participation in the conference is expected, registration and housing should be provided by SUNY. Otherwise, it should clearly state on the budgeting document (excel spreadsheet) that a chunk of money should be set aside.

4. What are your positive observations or pleasant surprises about your team's interaction or project process that might would be helpful to other PI's?

This has been a wonderful opportunity to try out new ideas. I was intimidated, at first, by the process of applying for a grant. I approached it as I would writing a research study application for the Institutional Review Board. That approach was helpful.

5. Please describe any challenges you've encountered working with your project team that you've found solutions for that might be helpful to other PI's.

Nothing so far.