

## LGU SUPPORT AND THE GROWTH OF THE RONDALLA IN SPA

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The Special Program for the Arts (SPA) provides learners with the opportunity to develop their talents in music, dance, theater, visual arts, and media arts, shaping them into well-rounded individuals. However, the sustainability and growth of the program are not the responsibility of schools alone. The support of stakeholders, particularly the Local Government Unit (LGU), plays a crucial role in ensuring that SPA students are given the chance to reach their full potential. With its commitment to education and cultural development, the LGU becomes an indispensable partner in advancing the cause of young artists.

One concrete example of LGU support is seen in the improvement of the school Rondalla ensemble. Through the provision of funds for the purchase of new instruments, repair of existing ones, and assistance in training opportunities, the LGU has greatly contributed to enhancing the quality of music education for SPA students. As a result, learners can perform with greater skill, confidence, and pride in local musical traditions. The strengthening of the Rondalla not only raises the level of student performance but also helps preserve a vital part of Filipino heritage for future generations.

Beyond financial and material support, the LGU also provides avenues where SPA students can showcase their talents. Cultural festivals, municipal programs, and community events often feature student performances, whether in Rondalla, dance, theater, or visual arts. These platforms serve as valuable learning experiences where students gain exposure, confidence, and recognition. At the same time, the community benefits by celebrating and appreciating the artistry of its youth. This partnership

promotes both cultural pride and unity, proving that the advancement of education and the arts is a shared responsibility.

At Pagalangang National High School, the collaboration with the Local Government Unit continues to bear fruit, as seen in the growth of the Rondalla and other SPA initiatives. With the LGU's steady support, students are empowered to excel in their chosen fields while contributing to the cultural enrichment of the community. This partnership demonstrates that when schools and local leaders work together, they can create opportunities for young artists to shine, inspire others, and become champions of both education and heritage.

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