



## **2023 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM**

### **ARTS EDUCATION = STUDENT SUCCESS**

*The arts unite people and communities together in unique and meaningful ways in an age where polarization is all too common.*

*Arts education inspires success across the curriculum and builds strong communities.*

#### **Access**

- Ensure ALL students have access to high quality sequential arts courses.
- Empower families to make informed school choices by providing accurate data on arts programs throughout the state.
- Support strong arts programs to provide students with creative outlets that honor student “voice” and support mental health initiatives.
- Support use of multiple rigorous criteria beyond standardized tests to measure student learning and teacher effectiveness.
- Consider the inclusion of outstanding arts education achievement in the calculation of school grades.
- Support access to advanced arts courses such as AP and Honors Arts courses for all students.
- Oppose bills that may unintentionally restrict students’ access to high quality arts programs or weaken the Fine Arts Graduation Credit.

#### **Funding**

- Support identical fiscal accountability and transparency requirements for all educational entities receiving PreK-12 state funding.
- Support full funding for instructional materials, transportation, professional development, and technology.
- Support full funding for Division of Cultural Affairs Grants

#### **Teacher Recruitment and Retention**

- Increase teacher salaries in a meaningful sustainable manner to attract and retain highly effective teachers.
- Support strong professional development of arts educators.
- Address the mental and emotional health of teachers and staff.
- Extend the temporary certification period to 5 years for teachers with college degrees outside a college of education.
- Strengthen the relationship between Prek-12 and higher education to better prepare and retain teachers.
- Incentivize students to enter the education profession.