



ADVOCACY ALERT

Race to the Top... Support Funding for Arts Education and National Service Programs

From Americans for the Arts -

Your Input on National Policy is Needed!

Dear Friends and Advocates:

Race to the Top is a group of incentives designated by the US Department of Education to distribute Federal stimulus funds. You can find out more about the proposed plans here. This information was compiled for a July 27 webinar where the program was reviewed. The plans are currently in the public comment period and you can click here and select document type: "open for comment" and keyword: "Race to the Top" to find the public notice.

Please take some time before the August 28 to comment on this plan. Many of the planned incentives are similar to the reforms and incentives implemented in Florida. Your input on the efficacy of those policies is important to informing this process.

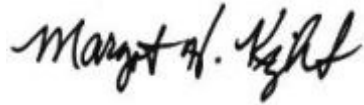
Secretary of Education Arne Duncan has made strong statements in support of arts education and issues a letter to all states reiterating the position of arts education as a core subject. You can hear his August 19 webcast at www.supportmusic.com

You can find the letter and more information at <http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2009/08/08182009a.html>

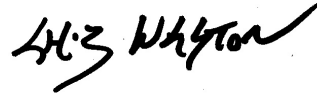
The Florida Alliance for Arts Education (FAAE) is a public/private partnership that brings together representatives from education, government, the arts, business, philanthropic organizations, and the community to promote, improve, and enhance arts education in Florida. FAAE was formed in 1989 by the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) and Florida Department of State/Division of Cultural Affairs (DCA) and is a member of the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network. It works in partnership with FLDOE, DCA, 22 statewide organizations and hundreds of volunteers at the local level through ACE Coalitions and informal networks to partner with the schools and advocate on behalf of quality and access in arts education for

students PK-12. www.faae.org

Thank you for your advocacy efforts.
Your voice *does* make a difference.



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