

# Office of Arts & Culture Update

AEAF Oversight Committee Meeting

May 9, 2024

## Student Voices:

[Student Voices](#) is a new part of the AEAF website, featuring students talking about the importance of arts education and the impact on their lives. You can watch a video of Zeyma, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader who spoke at the exhibit opening at the Portland Building, and the four microdocumentaries featuring sophomores created by Franklin High school film students

## AEAF Branding:

We kicked off the discovery phase of the branding work the end of April. Thank you to Hana and Ruth for consulting on the project. The goal is to have new collateral to use to launch the 2024-25 school year.

## AEAF Teacher Advisory Group:

The ATAG held their final meeting of the school year on May 2. At the meeting teachers gave feedback for the discovery phase of the branding project and provided ideas for supporting teachers next year through a teacher newsletter and convenings.

## Annual Superintendents' Meeting:

Each spring the Commissioner in Charge hosts a meeting with the superintendents from the six school districts served by the AEAF to discuss arts education. This spring the meeting will be held on Thursday, May 23.

## RFPs for Small Grants Administration

The City is negotiating contracts with three organizations that submitted winning proposals in the City's RFP process for small grants administration. RACC will distribute \$1,000,000 in small grants (ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 each) to artists and arts organizations, and we will incorporate new reporting requirements showing that all awarded AEAF funds meet the goals of the AEAF, providing high-quality arts access for K-12 grade students and making arts and culture experiences available to underserved communities. In addition, Friends of IFCC and MusicOregon will each award up to \$100,000 in small grants, but these contractors will not distribute AEAF funds because they award grants to individual artists rather than to organizations. All contracts will be finalized by early June and will begin on July 1.

The Office of Arts & Culture will directly award more than \$3.5 million in General Operating Support to more than 70 arts organizations starting next fiscal year, with improved reporting requirements for those organizations as well.