

# Office of Arts & Culture Update

Arts Access Fund Oversight Committee Meeting

September 12, 2024

## Celebrating Arts in Education Week:

- The City issued a proclamation declaring September 8-14 Arts in Education Week, which is celebrated nationally beginning the second Sunday of September.
- The Office of Arts & Culture held a small event at a music classroom in Centennial School District to read the proclamation.
- A newsletter was sent to elementary principals to share information about the Arts Access Fund and encourage principals to celebrate Arts in Education Week at their schools.
- The first of quarterly newsletters was sent to elementary arts educators with the goals of helping arts educators connect with each other.
- A poster contest for elementary students was announced. The winners will have their posters used to help celebrate Youth Art Month and Music in our Schools Month in March.

## Defining high quality arts education:

District leads and PSU partners met the end of August to launch the planning process for creating an arts education framework and defining a high-quality arts education. The work of creating a framework will continue throughout the school year with the goal of being able to pilot the framework in 2025-26.

## Grantee reporting requirements:

In direct response to the committee's 2023-24 report and recommendations, the Office of Arts & Culture has started asking for quantitative and qualitative data from approximately 80 arts organizations that receive General Operating Support. We will have more information about how these dollars work for K-12 students and underserved communities by October.

In addition, the Regional Arts & Culture Council will collect more information from arts organizations that receive small grants through RACC's project grants program in FY24-25.