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ARTS,
STUDENTS
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**Arts Education
ADVOCACY GUIDE**

WHY the arts?

Arts education is *central* to student achievement & engagement



Students with good access to the arts are **five times less likely to drop out of school.**

-Americans for the Arts

Arts are the *glue* that attach students to learning at school



Students who participate in arts learning have **higher GPAs, reading and math scores, and reduced rates of suspension.**

-American Psychological Association

Arts education is an *essential* part Philly's public schools



Philadelphia was recently honored as one of the country's **best districts** for music education.

-The NAMM Foundation

We call on government officials to *fund our schools* and *protect arts education* from any potential budget cuts



Philadelphia's public schools are funded by **local (43%), state (50%), and federal (7%) funds.**

-PDE Data

Arts education is at risk.

Don't let school cuts set back student learning!



What YOU can do!



Share your advocacy message on social media



Post a selfie holding an **advocacy sign**, short **video**, or text-based **post** on Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook.



Use **hashtags** **#FundArtsEd** and **#FundOurSchools** & tag your elected officials to make sure your message is heard!



*Printable sign template available at:
pccy.org/picasso-project*



Sign PCCY's online petition to protect arts education and prevent school cuts from setting back student learning.

Visit pccy.org/picasso-project to sign the petition!



Call, email or write a letter to your elected officials and encourage them not to let school budget cuts set back student learning through the arts.

See back page for link to find your representative's info.

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Without a music program, I wouldn't want to come to school.”

-Philadelphia high school student

Advocacy Resources:

- Find your representatives & local officials:
www.pccy.org/myreps
- Arts advocacy resources:
www.philaculture.org
www.citizensfortheartsinpa.org
www.americansforthearts.org
- Support the arts in Philadelphia's public schools:
www.pccy.org/picasso-project



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