

# INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF SCHOOLS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF ARTS EDUCATION

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Dear Member of Congress:

The International NETWORK of Schools for the Advancement of Arts Education is pleased to be a sponsor of Arts Advocacy Day 2007. Our members - administrators in K-12 and post secondary schools, foundations, associations, and corporations - understand the importance of quality arts education for all students. Our organization assists our members develop and implement programs unique to each school and its community.

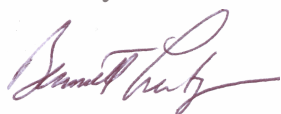
Research continues to show that students who learn in arts integration and arts-focused programs are increasingly joining those students in skill-based arts programs in demonstrating a high level of academic achievement. We know that the arts open windows to understanding and knowing in all disciplines. The languages of the arts and creativity are important keys to success in verbal and mathematical languages, providing students with the best opportunity to not be "left behind."

To maximize the goal that no child be left behind, we urge you to support all programs within the U.S. Department of Education that advance education in and through the arts; increase funding for the USDOE to support the development of model arts integration programs; and provide adequate support to state and local education entities so that learning in the arts can once again be part of every child's school experience.

Know that your support of arts education for every student will result in a more knowledgeable and creative America, assuring that no child is left behind.

Please contact us should you have any questions about NETWORK and our work.

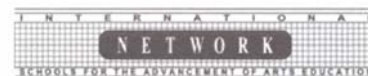
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