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To: [Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education](#)
Cc: [Dorsey, Ryan](#); [Cohen, Zeke](#); [Glenn, Cheryl Delegate](#); [Hayes, Antonio Delegate](#); ["Julia Di Bussolo"](#)
Subject: Baltimore City Council Resolution on Arts Funding 18-0116R
Date: Monday, December 17, 2018 6:00:14 PM
Attachments: [Completed File_18-0116R.pdf](#)

Dear Commissioner William E. Kirwan,

I am writing on behalf of Baltimore City Councilman Ryan Dorsey, District 3, to provide to you and all members of the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education a copy of the attached resolution. The Baltimore City Council Education and Youth Committee held a hearing on Thursday, October 18, 2018 on Arts Education Funding. On December 3, Councilman Dorsey put forth the attached resolution in summary of the findings of that hearing. It was immediately adopted unanimously by the Baltimore City Council on December 3rd, making certain specific requests of the Commission, pertaining to arts education funding.

Thank you for your time and for sharing it with the members of the Commission.

Best!

Mia

Resolution Title: 18-0116R

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Introduced by: Councilmember Dorsey

Prepared by: Department of Legislative Reference

Date: November 27, 2018

Referred to: _____

RESOLUTION

Committee

Also referred for recommendation and report to municipal agencies listed on reverse.

CITY COUNCIL 18-0116R

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

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Robert Steffen
Bob Johnson
David Johnson
Edward Keener
Margaret Clarke
John Miller
Sharon Miller
[Signature]

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Agencies

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**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 18-0116R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Dorsey, Henry, President Young, Councilmembers Scott,
Pinkett, Cohen, Sneed, Middleton, Bullock, Clarke, Reisinger, Stokes, Burnett
Introduced and adopted: December 3, 2018

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

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Recitals

On October 18, 2018, the Baltimore City Council Youth and Education Committee held a public hearing on the status of arts education in the Baltimore City Public School System (“BCPSS”). At the public hearing, BCPSS staff, as well as students, parents, and community members testified about the lack of arts education BCPSS students receive. Only 78% of pre-kindergarten through 8th grade students are enrolled in the visual arts, and only 53% of pre-kindergarten through 8th grader students are enrolled in music. Less than 7% of students are enrolled in dance or theater courses. In Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties, every pre-kindergarten through 8th grade student receives instruction in the visual arts and music by certified teachers every year.

The inequity between the education BCPSS students receive and the education that students from the counties receive is partially due to deficient state-wide funding. The State has found that BCPSS should receive an additional \$290-358 million each year. This shortfall in funding has resulted in devastating cuts to the BCPSS budget over the past decade.

In June of this year, BCPSS adopted the Baltimore Arts Education Initiative (“BAEI”) Strategic Plan and 5-year implementation goals to meet COMAR standards and achieve equity and excellence in arts education for all BCPSS students. The BAEI is the result of a 6-month-long project that had over 100 stakeholders, including students, parents, community members and organizations, principals, teachers, artists, the City Council, and BCPSS central office staff. Through direct engagement with the development and implementation of the plan, CEO Dr. Sonja Santelises and her staff have taken a proactive stance in addressing the gross inequities in arts education between city schools and schools in the counties. Arts education is essential in fulfilling the “whole child” component of the BCPSS *Blueprint for Success*.

The Baltimore City Council has a deep and continuing interest and commitment to supporting opportunities for the youth of Baltimore City. We are in the first year of implementation of the Children and Youth fund – proposed by Council President Jack Young and confirmed by 80% of voters in 2016 – that provides \$12 million in grants annually to childhood and youth programs. Some of these programs include extracurricular arts

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Council Bill 18-0116R

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2 standards-based school arts programs.

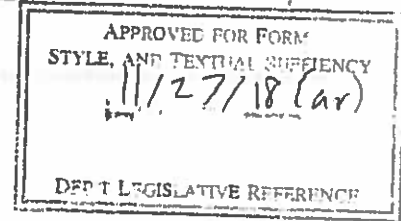
3 These inequities can only be addressed with adequate state funding. All students in Maryland
4 deserve access to a world-class education. Arts education – dance, media, music, theater, and
5 visual arts – is an essential element of a well-rounded education. Maryland’s educational
6 funding formula should reflect and support what has been recognized and memorialized in
7 COMAR, by the State Board of Education, the State Department of Education, and the State
8 legislature, that arts education is part of a well-rounded education for every student. The State
9 Board of Education in 1997, and again 2017, confirmed standards-based arts education in
10 COMAR as essential to a complete education for students in Maryland. Unfortunately, the State
11 has not provided the resources to fund this mandate. The Commission on Innovation and
12 Excellence in Education has the opportunity and responsibility to fund this mandate.

13 In order to fulfil the requirements described in COMAR, the Commission should align
14 adequate funding to enable each Maryland school district to meet the requirements of COMAR.
15 The Commission should support base funding formulas that enable school districts to support a
16 150-450:1 student to art teacher ratio at the elementary school level, a 750-900:1.5/2 student to
17 art teacher ratio at the middle school level, and a 1200-2000:3/5 student to art teacher ratio at the
18 high school level. The Commission should include standards or curricular frameworks with
19 embedded standards in instructional systems, as stipulated in COMAR, for subjects in which
20 students receive core content credit.

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
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23 Education include arts education as part of the base educational funding formula to enable local
24 educational systems to comply with the Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”) 13A.04.16.

25 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Chair and all
26 Commissioners of the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, the Baltimore
27 City 2019 delegation to the Maryland General Assembly, the Chair and Vice Chair of the
28 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Standing Committee of the Maryland Senate, the
29 Chair and Vice Chair of the Ways and Means Standing Committee of the Maryland House of
30 Delegates, the Senate President of the Maryland General Assembly, the House Speaker of the
31 Maryland General Assembly, the Baltimore City Director of Government Relations, the CEO of
32 the Baltimore City Public School System, the Mayor, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the
33 Baltimore City Council.

INTRODUCTORY*
CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL _____ R
(Resolution)



Introduced by: Councilmember Dorsey

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ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

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FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) _____ 20 _____

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON _____ 20 _____

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF _____ 20 _____

_____ FAVORABLE _____ UNFAVORABLE _____ FAVORABLE AS AMENDED _____ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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SECOND READING: The Council's action being favorable (unfavorable), this City Council bill was (was not) ordered printed for Third Reading on:

_____ 20 _____

_____ Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING _____ 20 _____

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THIRD READING (ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

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THIRD READING (RE-ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

WITHDRAWAL _____ 20 _____

There being no objections to the request for withdrawal, it was so ordered that this City Council Ordinance be withdrawn from the files of the City Council.

President

Chief Clerk