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1. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION PRESSED ON THE ARTS IN SCHOOLS

United States Secretary of Education Arne Duncan made the rounds on Capitol Hill in early June to make the case for the Obama administration's education budget and policy requests.

Education and Labor Committee Member Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey (D-CA) pointedly asked Secretary Duncan to address the potential of the No Child Left Behind Act emphasizing math and reading scores at the expense of other core academic subjects like the arts. Secretary Duncan assured her that he is reviewing the law's impact on the other core curricula, referencing the need to present the full menu of options in the classroom.

Subcommittee Chairman Tom Harkin (D-IA) urged Secretary Duncan to watch the 2009 Nancy Hanks Lecture on the Arts and Policy, "The Ballad of the American Arts," performed by Grammy Award-winner and guest lecturer Wynton Marsalis. Chairman Harkin cited the lecture in warning that the arts should not be left out of the classroom as a casualty of focus on other subjects. Secretary Duncan replied that students desperately need the arts to maintain interest in school and that more hours in the school day would help ensure a well-rounded education.

For further information, please contact Associate Director for Federal Affairs Gladstone Payton at gpayton@artsusa.org.

<http://www.AmericansForTheArts.org/Hanks>

2. IPHONE APP FUNDS SCHOOL ART PROGRAM

Facing unprecedented cuts to arts education—like most communities—this Wisconsin schools' arts students created an iPhone app that sells their artworks as phone wallpaper for just \$0.99.

<http://www.wsaw.com/schools/headlines/48416152.html>

3. ADVOCACY TOOLS & TIPS

Music Educators Hear from Secretary of Education

One of America's favorite TV moms teamed up with an NBA legend and an elementary school band on Thursday to press the Obama administration to ensure that arts and music programs don't fall victim to the sour economy.

"I personally know as we all do, how important music is as part of a full education," said Florence Henderson, who portrayed Carol Brady on the TV series "The Brady Bunch." "If I hadn't had it as a child, I would be one of those that would have been left behind."

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_MUSIC_RALLY?SITE=DCUSN&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT

4. NEWS

-AFTERSCHOOL ARTS GUIDE

The Workshop Out of School illuminates a collaborative process for providing quality performing arts instruction among challenges in out of school time.

<http://www.performingartsworkshop.org/pdf/rc.WorkshopOutofSchool.pdf>

-MARSALIS TEACHES JAZZ AT THE WHITEHOUSE

Michelle Obama is hosting a series of 3 music education sessions. The next two will feature country and classical musicians.

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/culturemonster/2009/06/obama-white-house-becomes-music-academy-for-a-day-.html>

-PROPOSED ARTS CUTS THREATEN AWARD WINNING RURAL PROGRAM

Bradford County Regional Arts Council (PA) is an award winning arts ed program that will be eliminated if the Pennsylvania legislature cuts Arts Funding to an unfair level.

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/SaveArtsinPA>

-MAYORS RESOLUTIONS ON THE ARTS

United States Conference of Mayors passed three arts related resolutions calling for the U.S. Congress to fully fund the National Endowment for the Arts and for all mayors to mark October as National Arts and Humanities Month.

http://usmayors.org/resolutions/77th_conference/AdoptedResolutions.pdf

-NATIONAL ARTS EDUCATION FUNDER'S REPORT

Arts Education for All: Lessons from the First Half of the Ford Foundation's National Arts Education Initiative is a seven year effort to address issues of equity and access in arts education. http://www.omgcenter.org/PDF/OMG_Ford_ArtsEd_6rev.pdf

-LOCAL MUSIC ADVOCACY COALITION

In Charlottesville, VA, a local music school group is carrying torches for the kids.

http://www.dailyprogress.com/cdp/news/opinion/letters_to_the_editor/article/all_children_deserve_good_music_education/41945/

-NY BILL TO SURVEY ARTS EDUCATION

A8938 mandates an audit on statewide compliance with state instructional regulations for arts education and a remediation process for schools out of compliance.

<http://open.nysenate.gov/openleg/api/html/bill/A8938>

-AFTERSCHOOL: MEASURING OST

This piece describes instruments and tools that you can use for program evaluation.

<http://www.hfrp.org/publications-resources/browse-our-publications/measurement-tools-for-evaluating-out-of-school-time-programs-an-evaluation-resource>

-CA COUNTIES LOSE GRADUATION NUMBERS, CITE LOSS OF ART

Butte and Glenn counties report a drop in graduation rates, and one school official cites cuts to band, art and drama as contributing factors.

http://www.chicoer.com/news/ci_12551167

-NEW YORK SCHOOL RAISES TEST SCORES THROUGH ARTS

Educators at M.S. 223 began scheduling arts classes on days when attendance was typically low.

<http://www.dance-teacher.com/sections/teaching/405>

5. FUNDING

-EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The LEGO Children's Fund will provide grants for collaborative programs or technology projects that advance learning opportunities. Deadline: Aug 1.

<http://www.legochildrensfund.org/Guidelines.html>

-P.D. FUNDS FOR TEACHERS

For one of two purposes: high-quality professional development experiences or collegial study. Deadline: Oct 15.

http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/Learning&Leadership_Guidelines.htm

6. OPPORTUNITIES: GET INVOLVED, CONFERENCES, JOBS & AWARDS

GET INVOLVED:

-CALL FOR CHAPTERS: 20 UNDER 40

20 UNDER 40 is a new anthology of critical discourse, twenty essays about the future of the arts education, written by a leader under forty. Deadline: Aug 31.

<http://www.20UNDER40.org>

-BLOG ON ARTS IN AMERICA

Hosted by Ovation TV, this blog series includes dialogue by Bill Ivey, Bob Lynch and others, as well as user commentary.

<http://community.ovationtv.com/service/displayDiscussionThreads.kickAction?as=16878&w=79824&d=256470&ac=DEDIT>

CONFERENCES:

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JOBS:

Full Americans for the Arts Job Listings are online.
Post, search, apply. Hundreds of jobs; Thousands of applicants.
<http://jobbank.artsusa.org/>

AWARDS:

-ONE-YEAR MANAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP
Leader to Leader Institute assists social-sector nonprofit organizations in developing strong leadership. Dec 15.
<http://leadertoleader.org/collaboration/ama/index.html>

7. QUOTE OF THE WEEK!

"That is a great question, and part of what I worry about. We were going to try to build on what worked with No Child Left Behind, and try to fix what didn't work. One of the things I am really struggling with, Neal, is I fear that the huge emphasis on testing particularly in math and reading and English, really led to a narrowing of the curriculum. So whether it's art, or dance, or drama, or music, or sports, these things that aren't tested I think many districts and many schools walked away from them. And this narrowing of the curriculum more broadly I think really hurts children. Whether it's before school, whether it's during the school day, whether it's after school, I think we have to bring these things back, and give our children these opportunities. And there's all kinds of data. The reason to do it is for their own benefit in and of themselves, but there is all kinds of data that talk about the link between music and math, and so if you want to really drive up math scores, you know, expose students to music.

And so I think as we go forward we really want to find ways to broaden the curriculum to give every child a chance to find their passion, to find their interest, and get away from what I see is a real narrowing of opportunities, way too much so over the past few years."

-US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, responding to an email inquiring about what was being done to address the loss of arts and music classes in schools, during an interview on NPR.

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=105166207&ft=1&f=1021>

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