1. What is our 2012 Legislative request?

Please continue to invest at least $145,581 (FY 2011) for Arts for a Complete Education (ACE) within the Florida Department of Education.

2. What is the impact of this state investment?

Arts for a Complete Education (ACE)

A. Provides

Services to....................... 67 school districts
Professional development for....1,670 teachers
Training and resources for........ 487 school administrators
Classroom impact................ OVER 315,000 students

B. Prepares Students for 21st Century Workplace

● Critical thinking, creativity, resilience, self-discipline, and teamwork are learned through arts education.

● Supports and provides a talented workforce for Florida's vital creative industries.

C. Provides Leadership and Recognition for Florida

● Attract federal, state and local funds for education projects that enhance over 315,000 Florida students' education.

● Collaborate on programs with the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network, National Endowment of the Arts, National School Boards Association, and the National Symphony Orchestra -- all bring national recognition for Florida schools, teachers, and students.

D. Improves schools and best practices

● Implementing year 2 of a 3-year project to demonstrate whole-school improvement through an arts-integrated curriculum to culminate with replicable strategies.

● Establish benchmarks for quality arts education, and provide national and statewide recognition for students, teachers, schools, and districts for those best practices.

The facts are in on the power of arts education:

● Florida Department of Education data show an undeniable correlation between arts credits and positive outcomes for all students.

● The more arts classes taken, the higher the student achievement in all measures.

● Higher student achievement holds true for students on free and reduced lunch and in all demographic groups.

● The more arts classes taken, the less likely a student is to drop-out.

(Additional information, full data, and analysis available at faae.org/adv_value.cfm)

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