



Queen Anne's County Public Schools

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Attn: Mrs. Lori Snyder, Executive Director
Arts Education in Maryland Schools Alliance
190 W. Ostend St., Suite 210
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Dear Mrs. Snyder:

I am writing in support of Queen Anne's County Public Schools' (QACPS) participation in the AEMS Artlook Data Map Project. It's exciting to be on the ground floor of Maryland Arts Education Data Dissemination Tool development and implementation, especially as it pertains to meeting the unique needs of our students in promoting access, equity and quality arts programs in our district.

We also welcome the opportunity to further showcase our existing programs in visual and performing arts, while communicating our needs to our communities with complete transparency. The idea of constructing an electronic portfolio collection tool with associated rubrics to recognize excellence in the arts is an instrument that would strengthen our PK - 12 fine arts programs. It will also be a fantastic way to search other districts implementing this Data Map Project to determine what resources and organizations are being utilized across the state to enhance art education experiences for students.

In QACPS we encourage our students to achieve their full potential, and support their ability to grow intellectually, physically, emotionally and socially in a rapidly changing, globally competitive society. We support this arts initiative and look forward to being pioneers, as one of four districts selected to pilot the Arts Education Data Map Project.

Sincerely,

Dr. Andrea Kane
Superintendent
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Mr. Gregory Pilewski
Deputy Superintendent
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