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Ms. Lori Snyder
Executive Director
Arts Education in Maryland Schools Alliance
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Dear Ms. Snyder,

I am writing in support of Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools) participation in Artlook® Maryland, the AEMS arts education data platform.

As a district, we are committed to expanding equitable access to arts education as a college and career pathway. In May 2018, City Schools adopted an Arts Education Strategic Plan as part of the Blueprint for Success, a districtwide initiative to support student wholeness, literacy, and staff leadership. In addition to establishing measurable benchmarks for expanded arts access, the plan includes the goal of establishing a data tracking system and annual state of the arts report. Participating in the Artlook® Maryland pilot is an opportunity to achieve this key goal.

In partnership with Arts Every Day, we will use Artlook® Maryland to visualize arts data, engage arts partners in sharing opportunities, and chart implementation progress towards our Arts Education Strategic Plan. Through this work we will increase access to the highest quality of music, visual art, theatre, dance, and media arts instruction while nurturing each student's unique gift of talent and creativity. We wish to encourage our students to achieve their fullest potential - to support them as they grow artistically, academically and develop into well-rounded individuals.

I look forward to Baltimore City being among the first Local Education Agencies to take part in this important statewide initiative.

Sincerely,



Sean Conley

Chief Academic Officer

Baltimore City Public Schools