

Task Force Membership List & Subcommittees

Governor O'Malley's P-20 Leadership Council Task Force on Arts Education in Maryland Schools:

- **Mary Ann Mears, Co-Chair**, Founder and Current Trustee, AEMS Alliance
- **Dr. Jack Smith, Co-Chair**, Chief Academic Officer, Maryland State Department of Education
- **Dr. Sean Abel**, Principal, Patterson Mill Middle/High School, Harford County
- **John Baugher**, Principal, Francis Scott Key High School, Carroll County
- **Mark Coates**, Coordinator, Fine Arts, Howard County Public Schools
- **Theresa Colvin**, Executive Director, Maryland State Arts Council
- **James DeGraffenreidt**, Member/Past President, Maryland State Board of Education
- **Eleni Dykstra**, Acting Coordinator of Visual Arts, Anne Arundel County Public Schools
- **Nancy Highsmith**, Interim Superintendent, Calvert County Public Schools
- **Judy Jenkins**, Director of Curriculum, Maryland State Department of Education
- **Peter Kannam**, Managing Partner, America Achieves
- **Dr. Brit Kirwan**, Chancellor, University System of Maryland
- **Martin Knott**, President, Knott Mechanical
- **Kwame Kwei-Armah**, Artistic Director, Center Stage
- **Anita Lambert**, Coordinating Supervisor, Creative Arts Programs, Prince George's County Public Schools
- **Liz Lerman**, Founding Artistic Director, Dance Exchange
- **Dr. Maravene Loeschke**, President, Towson University
- **Dr. Kevin Maxwell**, Superintendent, Prince George's County Public Schools
- **Dr. Stephen Miles**, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Washington County Public Schools
- **Dr. Khalid Mumin**, Superintendent, Caroline County Public Schools
- **Christopher Nunzio**, Principal, Prince Street Elementary School, Wicomico County
- **Rick Penix**, Coordinator, Fine Arts, Montgomery County Public Schools
- **Wayne Ridenour**, Member/Past President, Washington County Board of Education
- **Lisa Stuart**, Content Specialist, Art, Theatre, Dance - Montgomery County Public Schools, Maryland Art Education Association President

- **Sonia Synkowski**, Dance Resource Teacher, Baltimore County Public Schools
- **Carol Trawick**, President, The Jim and Carol Trawick Foundation
- **Jay Tucker**, Coordinator of Fine Arts, Maryland State Department of Education
- **Dr. Patricia Welch**, Dean of Education, Morgan State University

Subcommittees

Resource Allocation

Chair: Sonia Synkowski

Charge:

1. Describe and comment on the amount of dedicated funding to arts education in local school system budgets
2. Describe and comment on the extent to which each local school system offers a rich program in arts education
3. Describe and comment on arts education staffing allocations in each local school system
4. Describe and comment on the level of access to high-quality arts education professional development in each local school system
5. Describe and comment on contributions that higher education should make to help ensure a rich program in arts education, P12.
6. Make recommendations on the above consistent with other subcommittee recommendations

Members:

- Sonia Synkowski, Chair
- John Baugher
- Theresa Colvin
- Eleni Dykstra
- Anita Lambert
- Dr. Maravene Loeschke
- Lisa Stuart
- Carol Trawick

Curriculum & Instruction

Chair: Mark Coates

Charge:

1. Discuss implications of the new National Core Arts Standards on curriculum development and instruction in the arts
2. Describe the relationship between the new Common Core Standards in English Language Arts and mathematics and the present MD standards in the fine arts
3. Identify and describe the characteristics of high quality arts instruction
4. Determine instructional needs for arts educators and non-arts educators who integrate the arts into instruction, including the integration of technology and the on-going assessment of student learning
5. Determine the professional development experiences that will be required to implement changes in curriculum and in instructional practices
6. Identify strategies for the evaluation of teachers' effectiveness in arts instruction
7. Identify strategies for the evaluation of the quality of arts programs
8. Make recommendations on the above consistent with other subcommittee recommendations

Members:

- Mark Coates, Chair
- Peter Kannam
- Kwame Kwei-Armah
- Liz Lerman
- Dr. Kevin Maxwell
- Dr. Stephen Miles
- Dr. Khalid Mumin
- Wayne Ridenour
- Jay Tucker

Policies & Regulations

Chair: Judy Jenkins

Charge:

1. Review current Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) pertaining to arts education
2. Review current LEA policies and procedures pertaining to arts education

3. Identify school systems that have a comprehensive, sequential fine arts programs and describe their characteristics
4. Review current methodology of holding LEAs accountable for implementing regulations pertaining to arts education
5. Compare the above findings, as available, to that of other states
6. Make recommendations on the above consistent with other subcommittee recommendations and recent national and state developments in the fine arts

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