



**PERPICH**  
TEACHING IN AND  
THROUGH THE ARTS

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Dear Senate Education Finance and Policy Committee Members:

As the Chair and Vice Chair representing Perpich Center for Arts Education (PCAE), Minnesota's Arts Education Agency, this correspondence is aimed at providing you with information on the vital statewide services provided by this agency. We believe that PCAE plays a critical role in providing Minnesota arts educators, and ultimately our students, with the essential skills for success. Our outreach, library, and arts high school provide a statewide resource for arts education.

PCAE Outreach programs build teacher and administrator capacity statewide, providing innovative, inclusive, standards-based, measurable, and student-centered learning in and through the arts. Arts Specialists provide arts instruction and assessment, curriculum development, district arts programming, and standards implementation. Outreach programs provide relevant arts education topics to support educator growth and expertise as well as providing networking opportunities for arts educators. Regional Arts Teacher-Leaders (RAT-Ls) comprise a collaborative network of 65-75 distinguished teachers of dance, media arts, music, visual arts, and theater coming together to increase professional development opportunities across the state.

Our Comprehensive Arts Planning Program (CAPP) selects public school districts to work with PCAE staff as they design three-year, strategic plans for K-12 arts education programs. CAPP provides financial and technical assistance to support the strategic planning process through workshops, site visits, and resource materials.

Since 1989, Perpich Arts High School has provided a tuition-free, public, residential high school for students in 11th and 12th grades. In addition to our six arts areas (music, theater, dance, literary arts, media arts, and visual arts), students at Perpich Arts High School engage in rigorous academic offerings.

Integrating the arts in all areas of learning provides scholars with a wide range of life skills, including but not limited to decision-making, innovation, social skills, language and motor skills, problem solving, and the opportunity to think imaginatively and creatively while developing self-confidence along the way.

Perpich Center for Arts Education provides Minnesota's statewide educational system with essential skills that makes our state a coveted leader in educational excellence.

We appreciate and value the support for PCAE provided by the Minnesota Legislature. We can assure you that your continued support will produce positive results for Minnesota students now and long into the future.

Best regards,

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