

[SCHOOL LETTERHEAD]

DATE

The Honorable FIRST NAME LAST NAME

ADDRESS 1

ADDRESS 2

CITY, STATE ZIP

Dear Senator/Representative LAST NAME:

Thank you for your support of the arts in Kentucky through state funding for the Kentucky Arts Council. The [SCHOOL NAME] was just awarded [\$ AMOUNT] through the [NAME OF THE GRANT PROGRAM] Grant Program. We match this funding from the Kentucky Arts Council to *(insert short narrative describing the funded project for our students and teachers)*.

We know that all Kentucky Arts Council grants are contingent upon budgetary action by the Kentucky General Assembly and upon annual receipt of funds from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). We are extremely thankful to you and other members of our Kentucky legislature on both sides of the aisle for continued support for arts programs in our state. We are concerned about dwindling budgets and how that will affect the valuable work that [SCHOOL NAME] contributes to enhancing the quality of education for Kentucky students. The role of the arts are essentials in education *(Choose one or two of the following statements: 1. to ensure a qualified work force, 2. to raise academic achievement in all subject areas 3. to connect young people to themselves, their culture and their civilization 4. to reduce the risk in at-risk youth 5. in building better communities)*.

*We would be extremely honored if you could be available for a photo opportunity with our students during (residency) or (culminating event) on (date and time).*

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have about [SCHOOL NAME]. Thank you for your continued support for the work of the Kentucky Arts Council and the arts in [YOUR CITY OR COUNTY NAME].

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME HERE]

[YOUR TITLE HERE]

cc: Lydia Bailey Brown, Kentucky Arts Council