



THE CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION

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Not *everything* happening in Albany is bad. In the midst of the current chaos, champions for arts education have introduced [important legislation](#) that would help ensure that every child in every school receives a quality arts education that meets state requirements.

The legislation's sponsor in the State Senate, [Senator José M. Serrano](#), described the legislation in a powerful op-ed published yesterday in *Gotham Gazette*:

"No one can deny that continued and positive exposure to the arts and New York's rich and multi-faceted cultural heritage is a sound investment for our children. Let's not use our current political and budgetary challenges as an excuse to deny them this opportunity."

Read the full op-ed on our [web site](#). Then [take action](#) to thank Senator Serrano for being an arts education champion.

Please [take action](#) to thank Senator Serrano now!

The Center for Arts Education has been working closely with the Senator on a host of arts education initiatives, most importantly the drafting of legislation to ensure compliance with state arts education requirements. (The bill has also been introduced by Assemblymember Steve Englebright in the State Assembly.) As Senator Serrano writes:

"I have introduced [legislation](#) mandating a statewide audit to monitor compliance with laws and regulations governing arts education. I have also introduced a resolution in the legislature that will designate October as 'Arts Education Month.' Two partners, [The Center for Arts Education](#) and the [New York State Alliance for Arts Education](#), have joined these efforts."

After reading [the op-ed](#) please visit **CAE's Action Center** to [thank Senator Serrano](#) for being an arts education champion.

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