



## THE CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION

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I just got off the phone with Robert Jackson's office. He's the chair of the City Council Education Committee and he is getting the message -- actually hundreds of messages -- from people like you. Parents, educators, artists and students are all responding to our call to action saying now is the time to restore arts education in New York City's public schools.

Please keep it going! We need to let another key ally Councilmember Domenic Recchia know that we are 100 percent behind his push to keep the arts in school. Recchia chairs the Cultural Affairs Committee and is an important voice in the arts education debate. Ask him to ensure that schools dedicate funds for arts education.

**Take action and [contact Councilmember Domenic Recchia now.](#)**

With CSA (the Council of School Supervisors and Administrators, the union representing public school principals), and the UFT (the United Federation of Teachers, the union representing teachers) joining our coalition, now is the time. With community and cultural organizations and parent groups joining every day, now is the time.

That's why so many of you have already emailed Robert Jackson and thanked him for his leadership so far and told him to take the next step in ensuring dedicated funding for arts education. Let's make sure Councilmember Domenic Recchia hears our message too.

**Please join the chorus -- your voice counts in the fight for every child in every school. [Take action today.](#)**

Thirty-three members of the council have co-sponsored Resolution # 837 which calls on the Department of Education to ensure schools are funding arts education -- so that the arts are not such an easy target for budget cuts.

If you've already emailed Robert Jackson, thank you. Please contact Councilmember Recchia to keep it going!

Sincerely,

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